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INTRODUCTION
BY STAN LEE

Hi, Heroes!

I guess it's no secret that ol' Hornhead has always been one of my favorite super heroes, and there are many reasons for that. Now, since I've got your attention, I'll tick off some of those reasons….

1) Gene Colan. Gene the Dean is one of the most cinematic of all artists. When he draws a strip, it's exactly the way a studio artist would do the storyboards for a major motion picture. I was lucky enough to work with Genial Gene on all these now-classic issues and each time I reread one of the tales I feel as though I'm seeing it unfold on the screen in all its glory.

2) The titles. I've always gotten a kick out of making up titles for my stories. I tried to make them unusual, dramatic and compelling. I probably didn't hit the target each time, but I'm kind'a proud of "Behold the Beetle!" followed by (naturally) "To Squash a Beetle." And how about "Daredevil Dies First" for a grabber? Or : "The Name of the Game is Mayhem!" And what true Marvelite could resist "Don't Look Now but it's Dr. Doom!" Then there's "The Living Prison!" "The Unholy Three" "The Fallen Hero" and the totally provocative "Death of Mike Murdock!" Yep, I've gotta admit I'm really into titles.

3) The villains. Sure, all of Marvel's swingin' super heroes battle the world's weirdest and wildest bad guys, but Daredevil's foes take a back seat to no one. Just in this little series alone you've got the aforementioned batty Beetle, the diabolical Trapster, the ever-dangerous Dr. Doom, as well as the awesome Organizer's Trio of Terror, the Ape Man, the Cat Man and the deadly Bird Man, not to mention the deadliest of all—the super-evil Exterminator and his incredible Time Displacer!

4) The surprises. Just when you least expect it, the Fantastic Four—all four of 'em, no skimping!—guest star in what is probably the most mixed-up, convoluted, mistaken identity tale of all; but there's an even bigger surprise when we include, at no extra cost, a copy of Fantastic Four #73 (drawn by the legendary Jack Kirby) in which our Daredevil saga continues (it was too big for just the DD title alone!) and it even includes some great guest-starring stints by Spider-Man and the mighty Thor!

5) The originality. I hate to brag (and if you swallow that, I've some bargain bottles of snake oil to sell you) but I'm incredibly proud of the "twin-brother" angle we invented for this DD series. Matt Murdock pretends that Daredevil is really his own twin brother Mike, in order to throw suspicion off himself. Of course, he doesn't have a brother Mike, but the complications that follow are totally delicious to a writer who likes to flirt with the absurdly improbable, to say nothing of the definitely impossible! Just imagine the confusion and the plot twists that occur when Matt pretends to be two separate people. In fact, you don't even need to imagine it; you'll be enjoying every bit of the fun and frolic later on the pages that follow.

6) Dialogue and captions. I love trying to make our heroes, and all our characters, speak as realistically as possible. And if I can throw in a few wisecracks along the way, so much the better. Spider-Man and Daredevil have always seemed to lend themselves to more flip dialogue that any other characters I've written. Plus, as you read along, I think you'll find a few captions of the type that only Marvel (and Yours Truly) would dare to bring you. By the time you finish all the wonderment we've provided for you, you'll realize why I've always gotten such a big kick out of writing Daredevil—and an even bigger kick out of seeing the magnificent way that my good buddy Gene Colan depicted his adventures.

Now for a confession. As far as I can recall, these now-classic tales were written in the '60s. Believe it or not, I had pretty much forgotten the plots and the situations. So, in order to know what I'm writing about in this introduction, I grabbed a handful of the old mags and sat down to read them. I know it'll sound immodest for me to say this, but I think they're some of the best super-hero stories I've ever read—or written! Well, I guess that's no surprise, since I've always been one of my biggest fans!

Of course, nothing is ever exactly the way you wish it would be. I know that things happen and lives change, in fiction as well as real life. But I must admit I secretly wish that we had kept to the old formula for DD's stories. Mostly, I wish Karen Page was still around, in love with Matt Murdock and never suspecting that he's really Daredevil. I wish we could still be complicating things with the twin brother angle that blew so many readers away. I wish the stories could still have the fun, the innocence, the flavor that they did way back then. But hey, I still miss my old electric typewriter and twelve-cylinder Packard convertible, so I guess that shows you where I'm comin' from!

I'm glad I had a chance to write this intro, 'cause I wouldn't have missed re-discovering these stories from the distant past for anything. I hope you'll enjoy reading them as much as I enjoyed reading—and writing—them. And I'll make sure that we send a copy of this edition to the brilliant Gene Colan, to remind him how truly great his artwork was—and, from what I hear, still is! I've been the luckiest guy in comics because I've had a chance to work with some of the greatest artists of all, and after you've savored the artwork in this edition, you'll realize that Gene has his own place of honor among those at the very top of the list.

Now, it's time for you to turn the page and join in the fun. I envy the voyage of discovery which you're about to undertake.

Excelsior!

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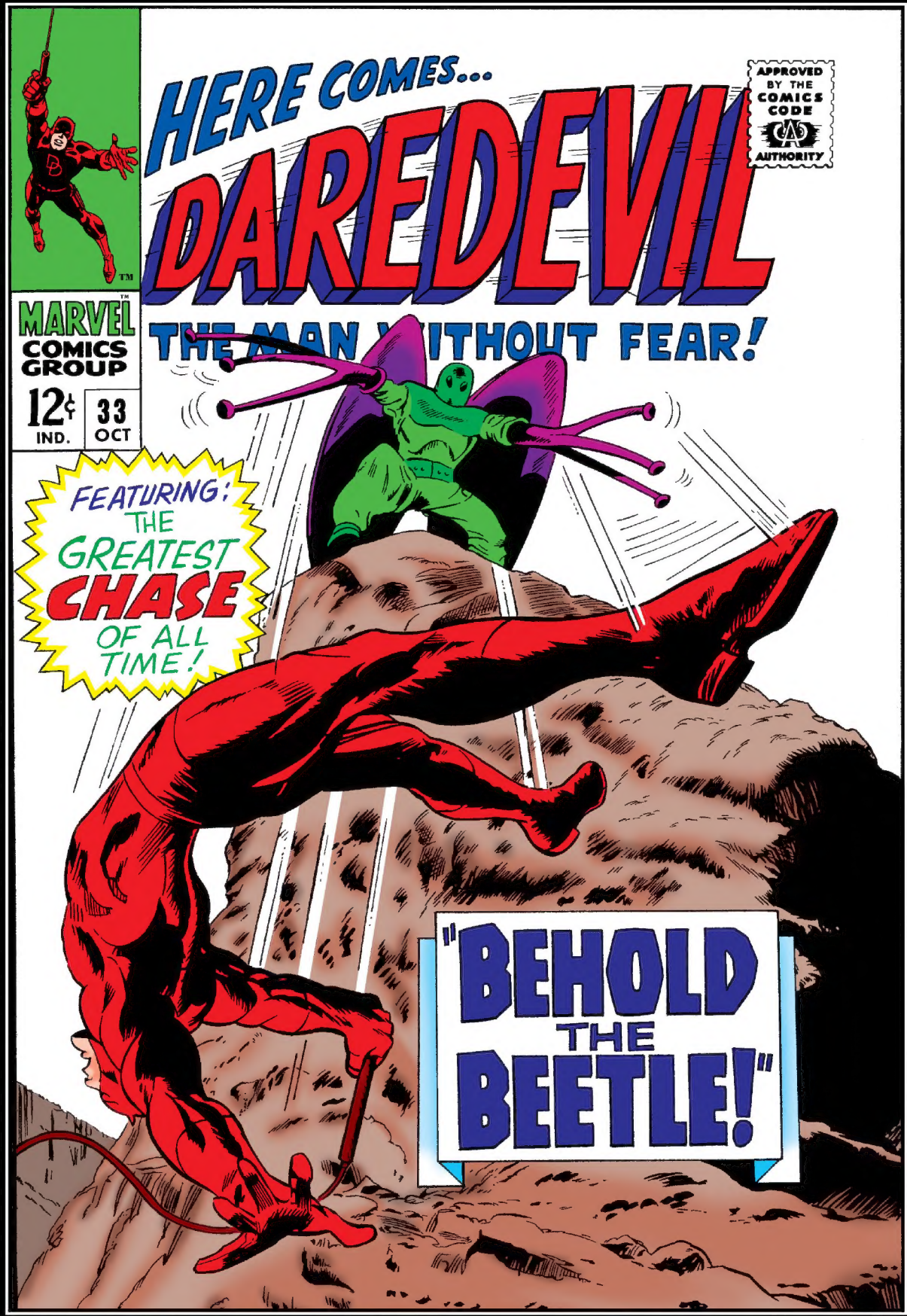
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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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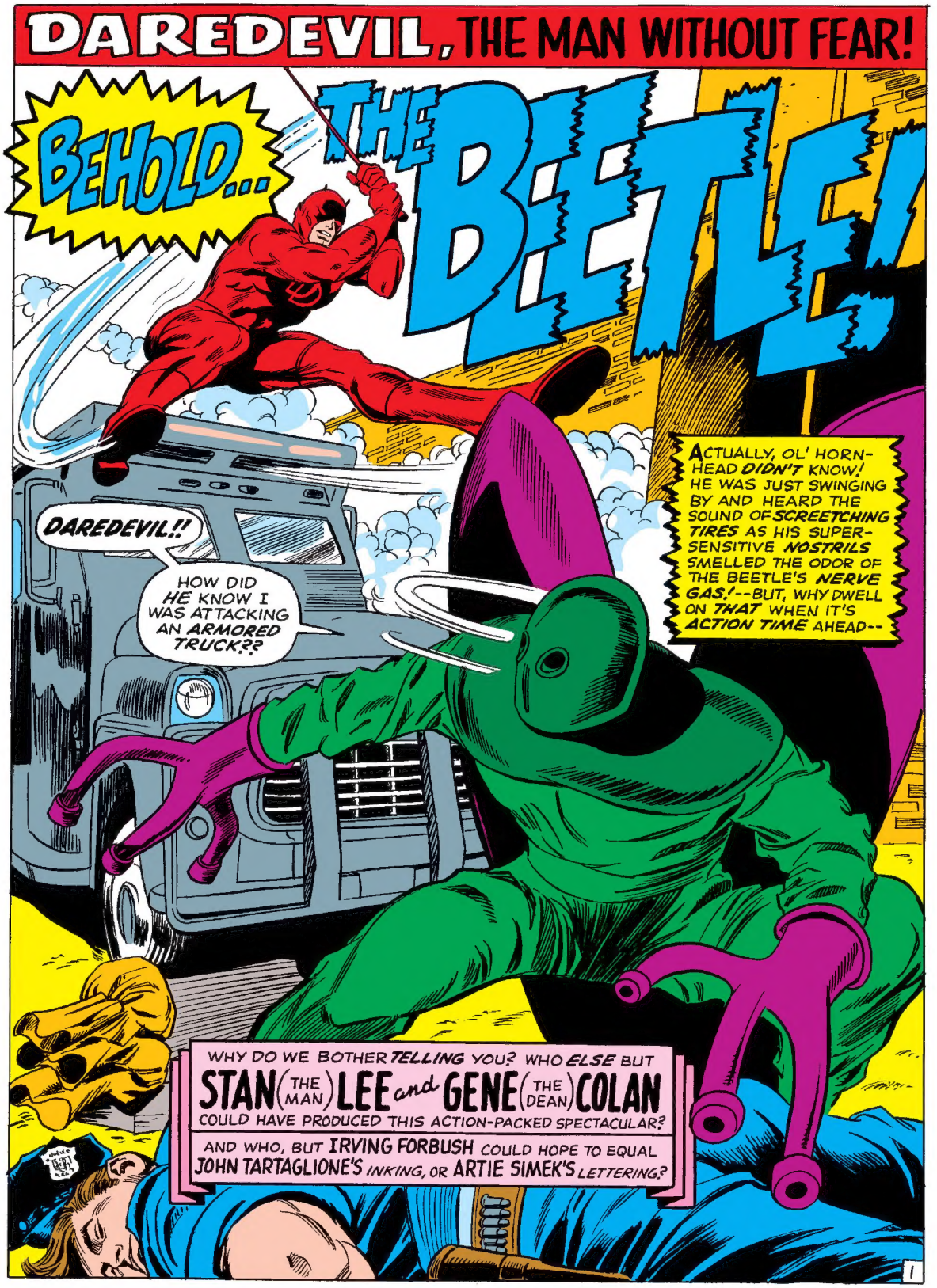
FEATURING: THE GREATEST CHASE OF ALL TIME!
"BEHOLD THE BEETLE!"


DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
BEHOLD...
THE BEETLE!
DAREDEVIL!!
HOW DID HE KNOW I WAS ATTACKING AN ARMORED TRUCK??
ACTUALLY, OL' HORN-HEAD DIDN'T KNOW! HE WAS JUST SWINGING BY AND HEARD THE SOUND OF SCREETCHING TIRES AS HIS SUPER-SENSITIVE NOSTRILS SMELLED THE ODOR OF THE BEETLE'S NERVE GAS!--BUT, WHY DWELL ON THAT WHEN IT'S ACTION TIME AHEAD--
WHY DO WE BOTHER TELLING YOU? WHO ELSE BUT STAN (THE MAN) LEE and GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN COULD HAVE PRODUCED THIS ACTION-PACKED SPECTACULAR?
AND WHO, BUT IRVING FORBUSH COULD HOPE TO EQUAL JOHN TARTAGLIONE'S INKING, OR ARTIE SIMEK'S LETTERING?

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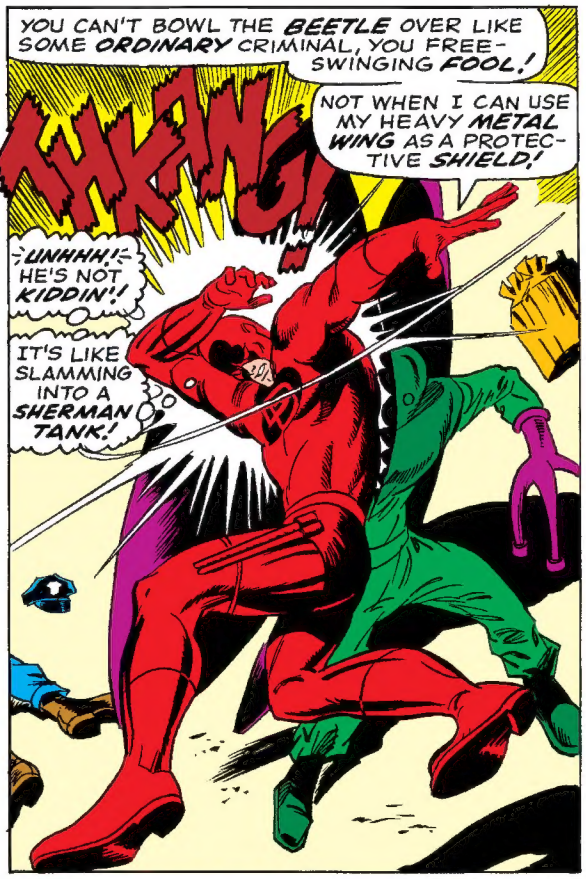
YOU CAN'T BOWL THE BEETLE OVER LIKE SOME ORDINARY CRIMINAL, YOU FREE-SWINGING FOOL!
NOT WHEN I CAN USE MY HEAVY METAL WING AS A PROTECTIVE SHIELD!
THKANG!
-UNHHH!- HE'S NOT KIDDIN'!
IT'S LIKE SLAMMING INTO A SHERMAN TANK!

IT'S HIGH TIME THAT YOU MASKED DO-GOODERS REALIZED THERE ARE SOME FOES FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU!
AND, IN YOUR CASE, THE BOMBASTIC BEETLE IS OBVIOUSLY SUCH A FOE!
LOOK, MISTER-- IT'S BAD ENOUGH HAVING TO FIGHT A NUT LIKE YOU--
AM I GONNA HAVE TO LISTEN TO SPEECHES, TOO?

SO! YOU THINK I'M SOMEONE TO BE BRUSHED ASIDE WITH A FEW SNEERING REMARKS, EH?
WELL, PERHAPS THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND--!
HIS FINGERS!! HE CAN EXTEND THEM-- HYDRAULICALLY!!
I'M STUCK TO THE SUCTION CUPS WHICH HE PRESSED AGAINST ME!

BTAM!
THE FAMOUS DAREDEVIL-- HAH!!
YOU DON'T EVEN POSSESS THE SUPER-STRENGTH OF OTHERS I'VE FOUGHT IN THE PAST!
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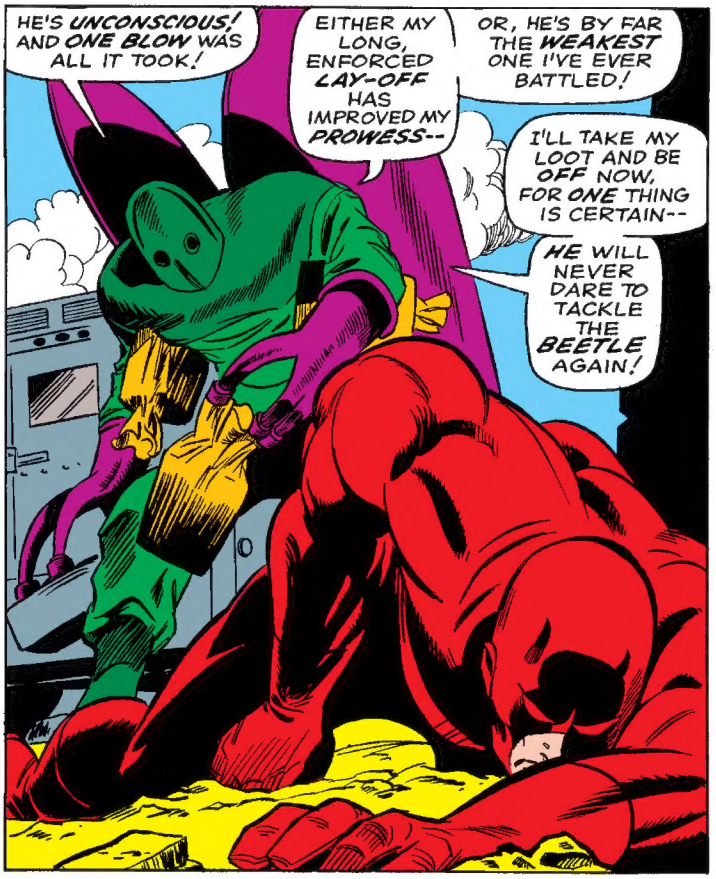
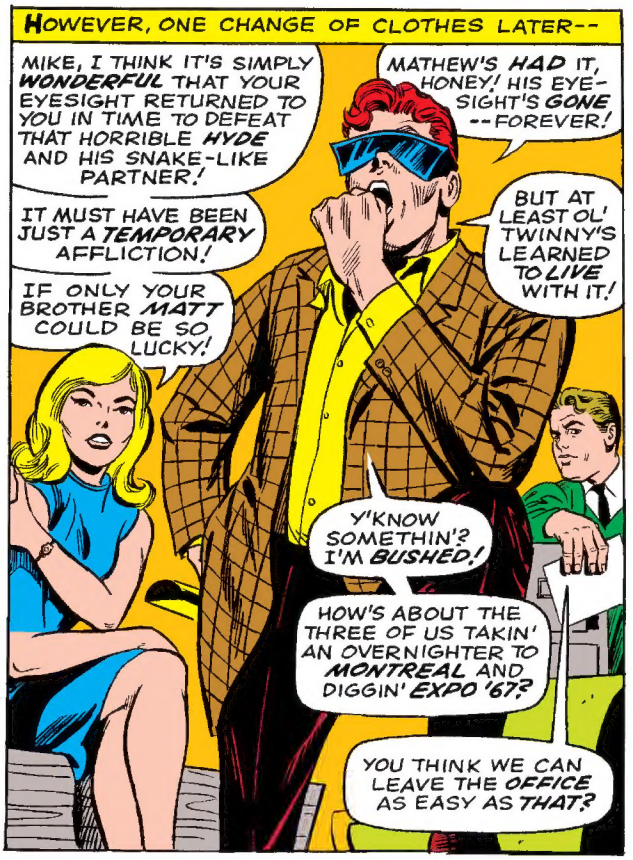
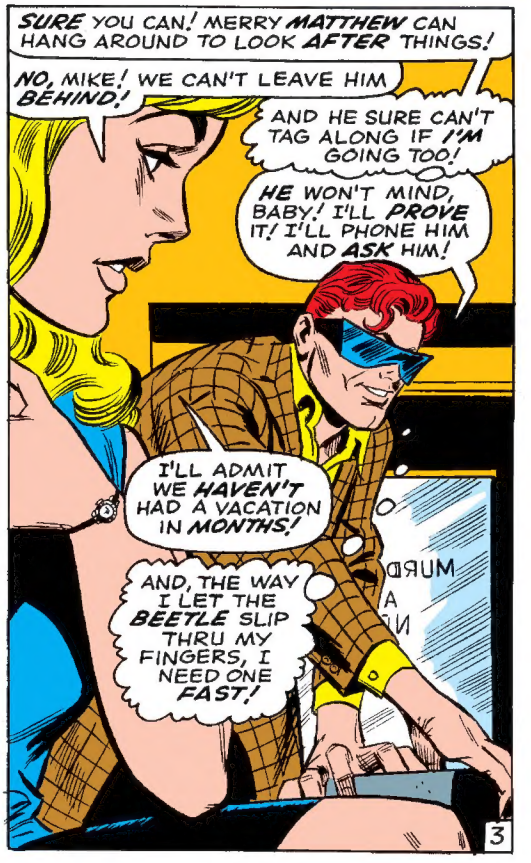
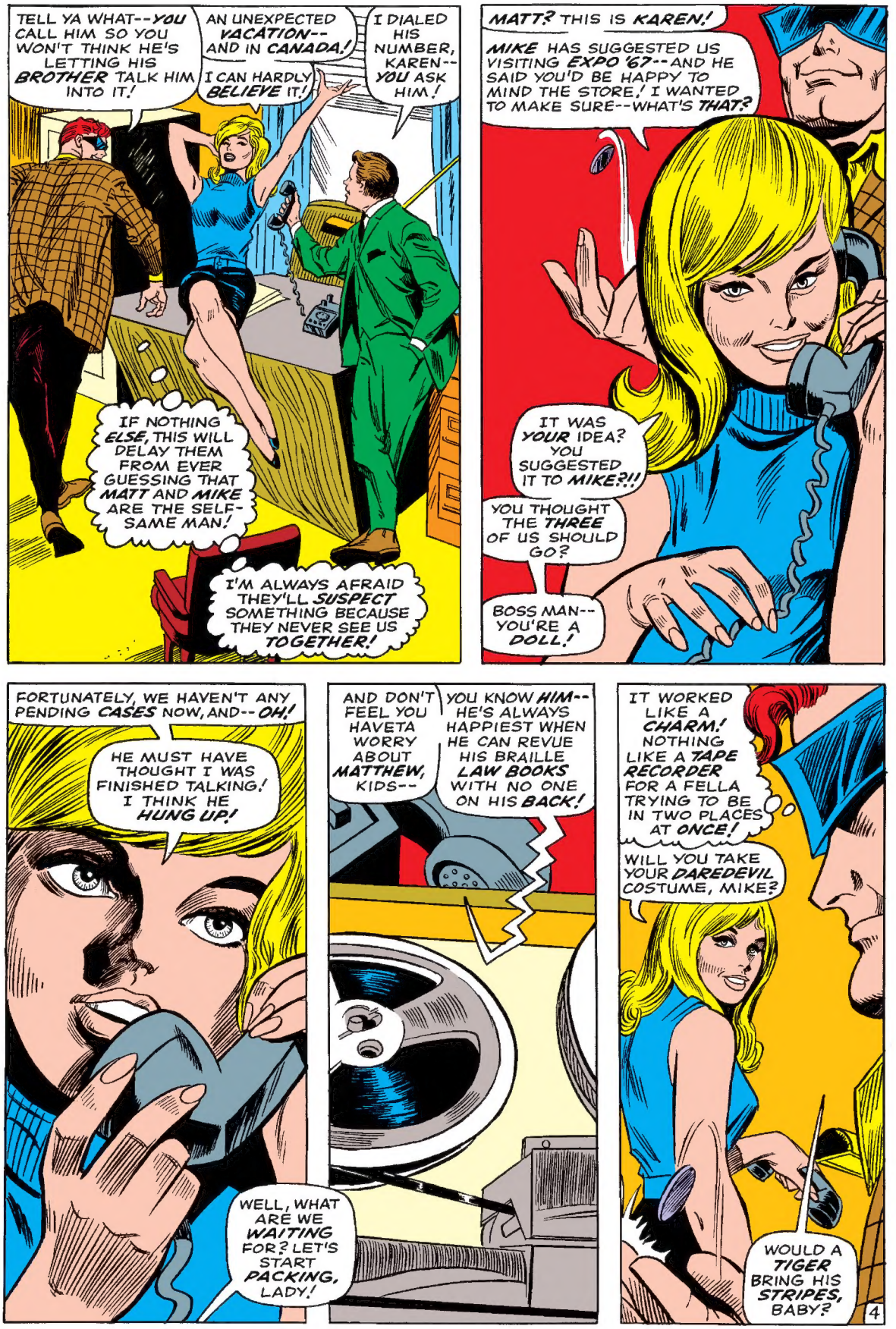

HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! AND ONE BLOW WAS ALL IT TOOK!
EITHER MY LONG, ENFORCED LAY-OFF HAS IMPROVED MY PROWESS--
OR, HE'S BY FAR THE WEAKEST ONE I'VE EVER BATTLED!
I'LL TAKE MY LOOT AND BE OFF NOW, FOR ONE THING IS CERTAIN--
HE WILL NEVER DARE TO TACKLE THE BEETLE AGAIN!

THEN, MOMENTS AFTER THE WINGED WRONGDOER HAS MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE--
I MUST HAVE BEEN--OUT OF MY MIND--TO TACKLE HIM THAT WAY--!
I'VE GONE WITHOUT SLEEP FOR TWO DAYS--FIGHTING HYDE AND THE COBRA--*
I WAS TOO TIRED-- TOO WEAK...
*JUST LAST ISH--A FEW HOURS AGO TO DD! --SCOREKEEPER STAN.


HOWEVER, ONE CHANGE OF CLOTHES LATER--
MIKE, I THINK IT'S SIMPLY WONDERFUL THAT YOUR EYESIGHT RETURNED TO YOU IN TIME TO DEFEAT THAT HORRIBLE HYDE AND HIS SNAKE-LIKE PARTNER!
MATHEW'S HAD IT, HONEY! HIS EYE-SIGHT'S GONE --FOREVER!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN JUST A TEMPORARY AFFLICTION!
BUT AT LEAST OL' TWINNY'S LEARNED TO LIVE WITH IT!
IF ONLY YOUR BROTHER MATT COULD BE SO LUCKY!
Y'KNOW SOMETHIN'? I'M BUSHED!
HOW'S ABOUT THE THREE OF US TAKIN' AN OVERNIGHTER TO MONTREAL AND DIGGIN' EXPO '67?
YOU THINK WE CAN LEAVE THE OFFICE AS EASY AS THAT?


SURE YOU CAN! MERRY MATTHEW CAN HANG AROUND TO LOOK AFTER THINGS!
NO, MIKE! WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM BEHIND!
AND HE SURE CAN'T TAG ALONG IF I'M GOING TOO!
HE WON'T MIND, BABY! I'LL PROVE IT! I'LL PHONE HIM AND ASK HIM!
I'LL ADMIT WE HAVEN'T HAD A VACATION IN MONTHS!
AND, THE WAY I LET THE BEETLE SLIP THRU MY FINGERS, I NEED ONE FAST!


TELL YA WHAT--YOU CALL HIM SO YOU WON'T THINK HE'S LETTING HIS BROTHER TALK HIM INTO IT!
AN UNEXPECTED VACATION--AND IN CANADA!
I DIALED HIS NUMBER, KAREN--YOU ASK HIM!
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
IF NOTHING ELSE, THIS WILL DELAY THEM FROM EVER GUESSING THAT MATT AND MIKE ARE THE SELF-SAME MAN!
I'M ALWAYS AFRAID THEY'LL SUSPECT SOMETHING BECAUSE THEY NEVER SEE US TOGETHER!
MATT? THIS IS KAREN!
MIKE HAS SUGGESTED US VISITING EXPO '67--AND HE SAID YOU'D BE HAPPY TO MIND THE STORE,' I WANTED TO MAKE SURE--WHAT'S THAT?
IT WAS YOUR IDEA? YOU SUGGESTED IT TO MIKE?!!
YOU THOUGHT THE THREE OF US SHOULD GO?
BOSS MAN--YOU'RE A DOLL!
FORTUNATELY, WE HAVEN'T ANY PENDING CASES NOW, AND--OH!
HE MUST HAVE THOUGHT I WAS FINISHED TALKING! I THINK HE HUNG UP!
WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S START PACKING, LADY!
AND DON'T FEEL YOU HAVETA WORRY ABOUT MATTHEW, KIDS--
YOU KNOW HIM--HE'S ALWAYS HAPPIEST WHEN HE CAN REVUE HIS BRAILLE LAW BOOKS WITH NO ONE ON HIS BACK!
IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM! NOTHING LIKE A TAPE RECORDER FOR A FELLA TRYING TO BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE!
WILL YOU TAKE YOUR DAREDEVIL COSTUME, MIKE?
WOULD A TIGER BRING HIS STRIPES, BABY?
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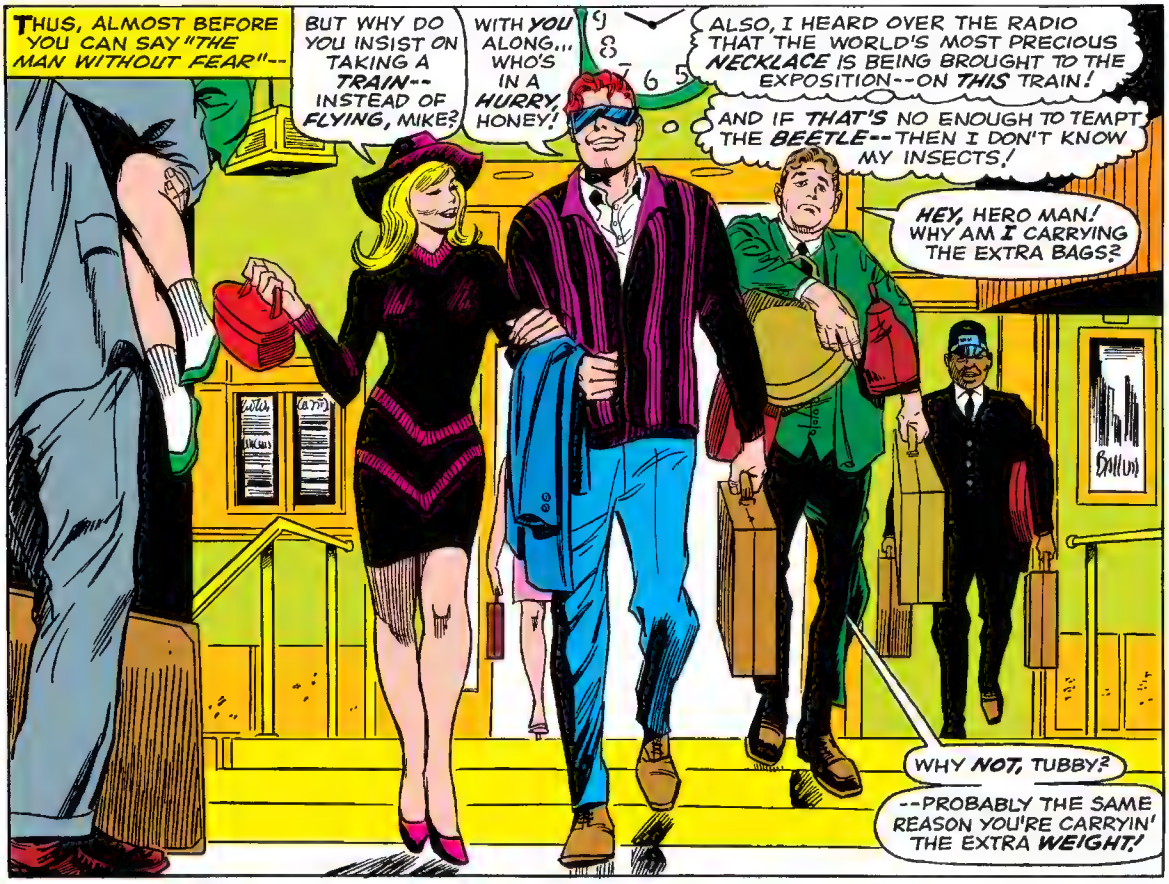
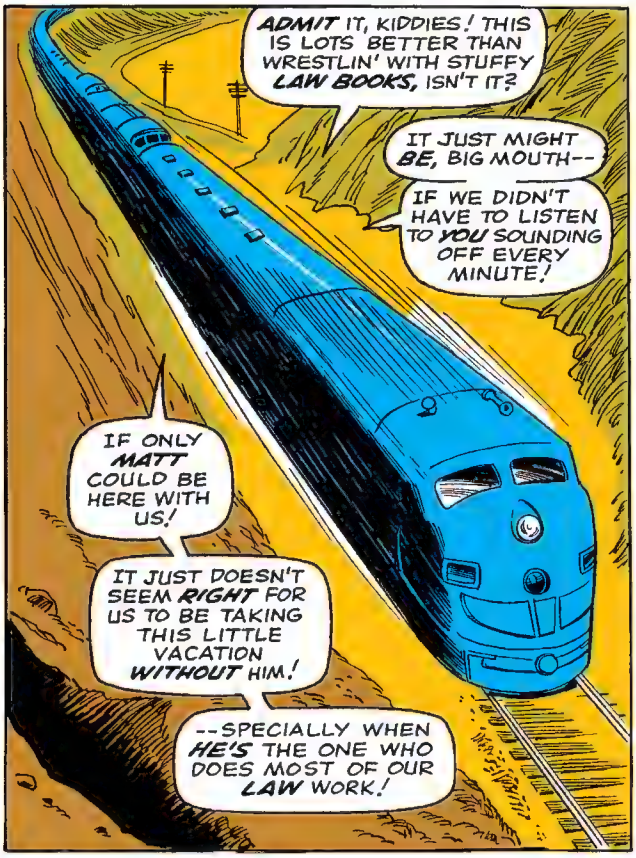
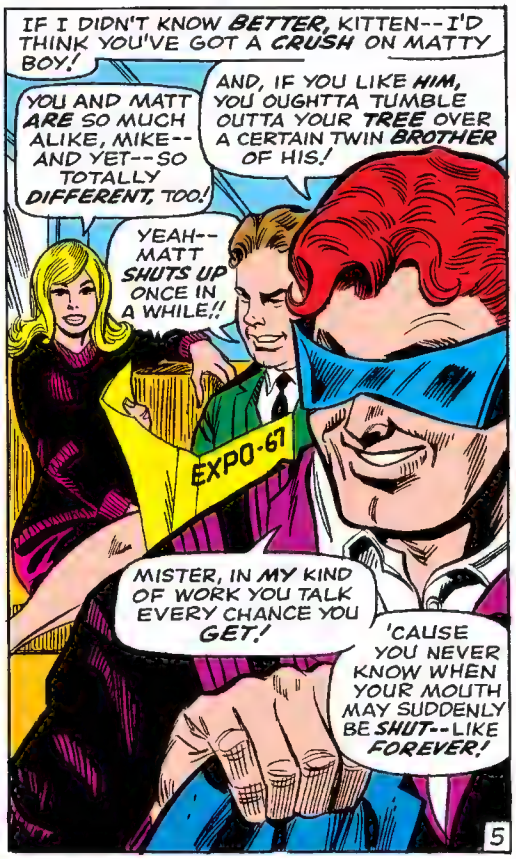

THUS, ALMOST BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR"--
BUT WHY DO YOU INSIST ON TAKING A TRAIN-- INSTEAD OF FLYING, MIKE?
WITH YOU ALONG... WHO'S IN A HURRY, HONEY!
ALSO, I HEARD OVER THE RADIO THAT THE WORLD'S MOST PRECIOUS NECKLACE IS BEING BROUGHT TO THE EXPOSITION--ON THIS TRAIN!
AND IF THAT'S NO ENOUGH TO TEMPT THE BEETLE--THEN I DON'T KNOW MY INSECTS!
HEY, HERO MAN! WHY AM I CARRYING THE EXTRA BAGS?
WHY NOT, TUBBY?
--PROBABLY THE SAME REASON YOU'RE CARRYIN' THE EXTRA WEIGHT!


ADMIT IT, KIDDIES! THIS IS LOTS BETTER THAN WRESTLIN' WITH STUFFY LAW BOOKS, ISN'T IT?
IT JUST MIGHT BE, BIG MOUTH--
IF WE DIDN'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU SOUNDING OFF EVERY MINUTE!
IF ONLY MATT COULD BE HERE WITH US!
IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT FOR US TO BE TAKING THIS LITTLE VACATION WITHOUT HIM!
--SPECIALLY WHEN HE'S THE ONE WHO DOES MOST OF OUR LAW WORK!


IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, KITTEN--I'D THINK YOU'VE GOT A CRUSH ON MATTY BOY!
YOU AND MATT ARE SO MUCH ALIKE, MIKE-- AND YET--SO TOTALLY DIFFERENT, TOO!
AND, IF YOU LIKE HIM, YOU OUGHTTA TUMBLE OUTTA YOUR TREE OVER A CERTAIN TWIN BROTHER OF HIS!
YEAH-- MATT SHUTS UP ONCE IN A WHILE!!
EXPO-67
MISTER, IN MY KIND OF WORK YOU TALK EVERY CHANCE YOU GET!
'CAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOUR MOUTH MAY SUDDENLY BE SHUT--LIKE FOREVER!

I--NEVER HEARD YOU TALK THAT WAY BEFORE--MIKE--!
SOMETIMES EVEN US DARING, DASHING, DO-GOODERS HAVE OUR MOMENT OF TRUTH!
SERVICE
ANYWAY, THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT!
WHO BROUGHT THE CARDS? I FEEL LIKE SOME POKER!
SPEAKING OF CARDS, IN ANOTHER COMPARTMENT ON THE SAME, SPEEDING TRAIN, TWO PLAINCLOTHES GUARDS WHILE AWAY THE TIME AS A LOCKED METAL BOX LIES SILENTLY BETWEEN THEM--NEVER OUT OF THEIR SIGHT--!
EASIEST ASSIGNMENT WE EVER HAD, EH, TOM?
YOU SAID IT! IT WOULD TAKE AN ARMY TO GET THAT NECKLACE AWAY FROM US--
CONSIDERING THE SECURITY MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN ALL OVER THE TRAIN!
IT'S LIKE GETTING PAID TO PLAY CARDS!
AND I'M NOT COMPLAINING!
YOU ALREADY OWE ME A BUCK SEVENTY-FIVE!
WHILE, IN A FORWARD SECTION OF THE SLEEK STREAMLINER, A TEAM OF TECHNICIANS CHECKS THE TRACKS AHEAD WITH SPECIAL RADAR DEVICES--
ALL CLEAR SO FAR, CHRIS!
GOOD! WITH THE CARGO WE'RE CARRYING, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!
AND, IN THE CORRIDOR ITSELF, SHARP EYES WATCH THE DOINGS OF EVERY PASSERBY--
ANY CROOK--OR TEAM OF CROOKS --WOULD HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO MAKE A TRY FOR THE REGINA NECKLACE!
NOT EVEN A BUG COULD GET ABOARD WITHOUT ONE OF US SPOTTING HIM!
BUT, THERE IS ONE BUG THAT THINKS DIFFERENTLY! FOR, AS THE THUNDERING EXPRESS ROARS INTO A STYGIAN TUNNEL--THE BEETLE IS ABOUT TO STRIKE--!!
WHERE? WHEN? HOW? OKAY, FRANTIC ONE--LET'S TURN THE PAGE AND SEE--
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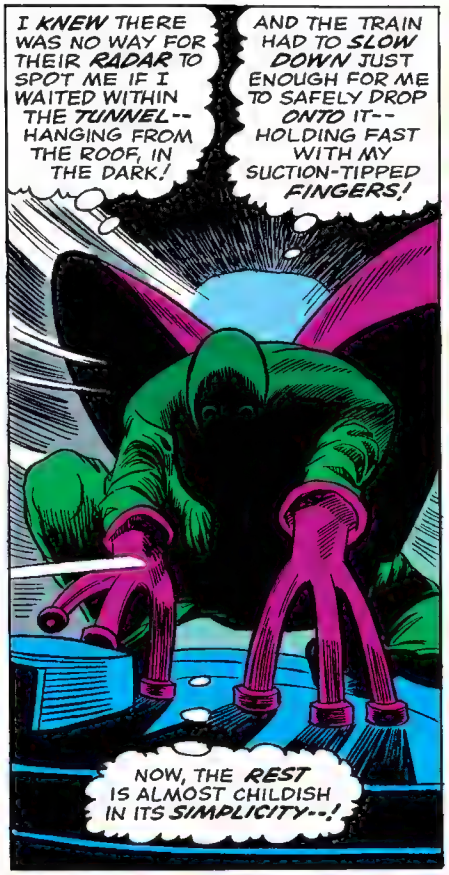
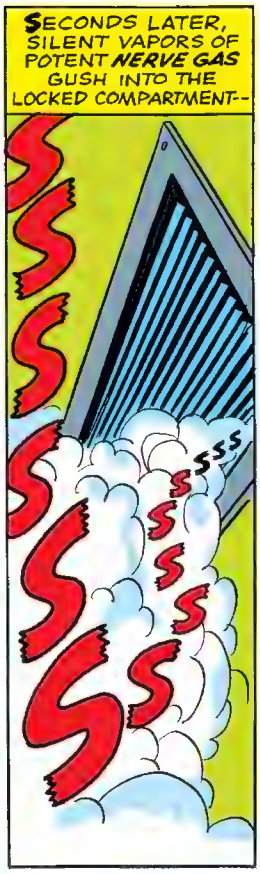
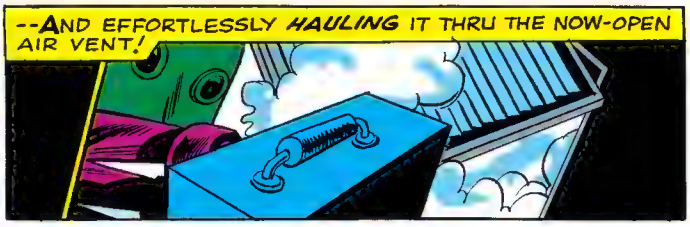
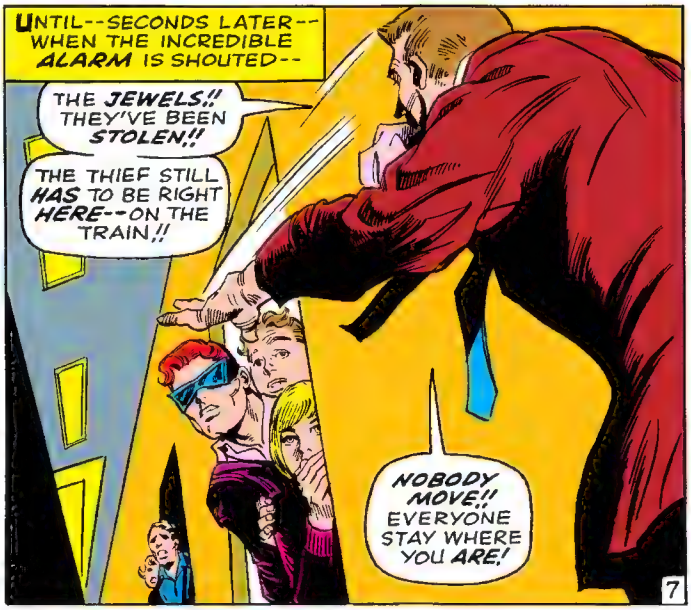

I KNEW THERE WAS NO WAY FOR THEIR RADAR TO SPOT ME IF I WAITED WITHIN THE TUNNEL--HANGING FROM THE ROOF, IN THE DARK!
AND THE TRAIN HAD TO SLOW DOWN JUST ENOUGH FOR ME TO SAFELY DROP ONTO IT--HOLDING FAST WITH MY SUCTION-TIPPED FINGERS!
NOW, THE REST IS ALMOST CHILDISH IN ITS SIMPLICITY--!

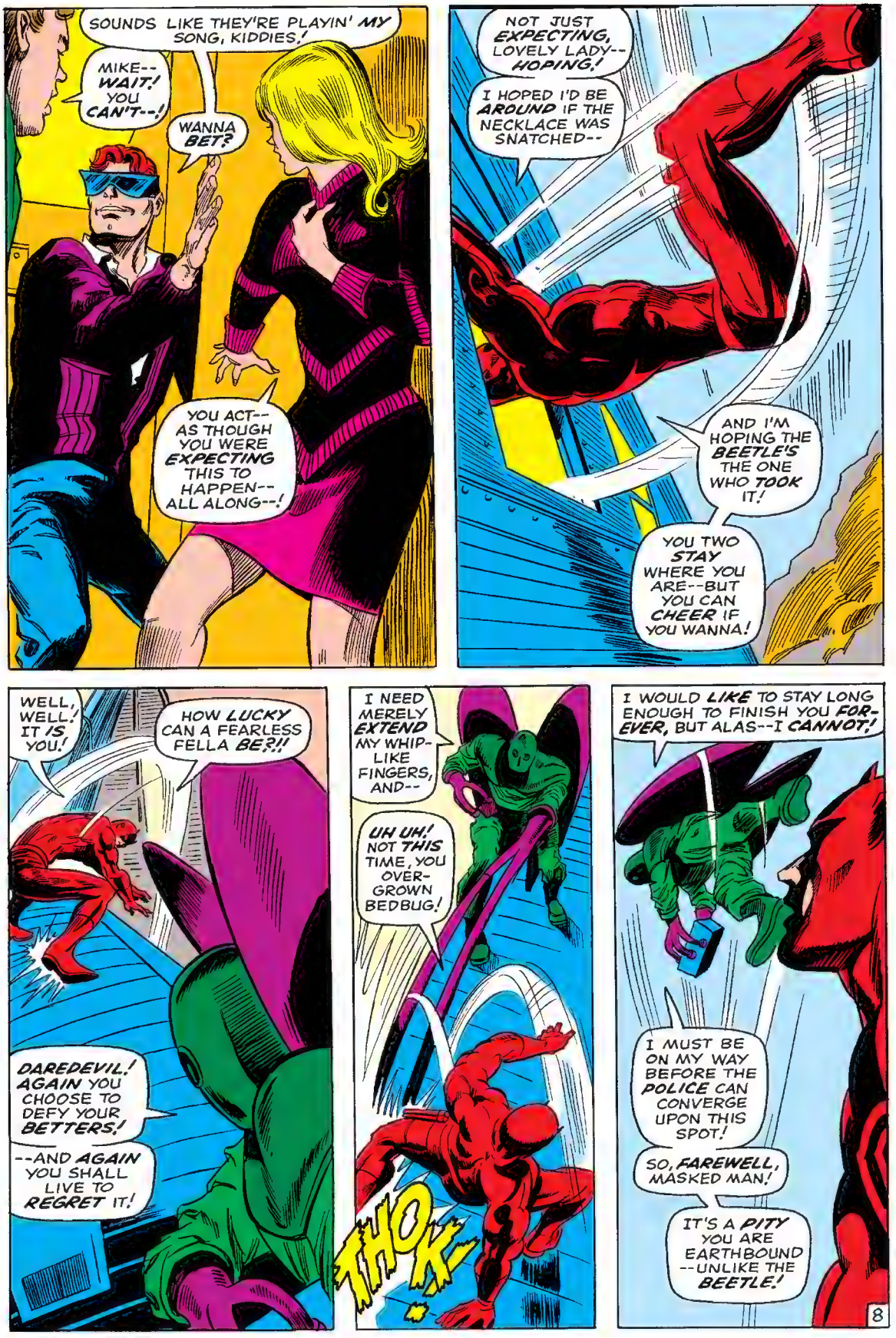

SECONDS LATER, SILENT VAPORS OF POTENT NERVE GAS GUSH INTO THE LOCKED COMPARTMENT--
SSSSSSSSSS

--PUTTING A SUDDEN END TO AN OTHERWISE PEACEFUL GAME OF CARDS--!

AS THE HELPLESS GUARDS FALL PROSTRATE, THREE HYDRAULICALLY-POWERED, ARTIFICIAL FINGERS REACH IN THRU THE AIR VENT...
...SEIZING THE PRECIOUS METAL BOX WITH UNERRING SKILL--


--AND EFFORTLESSLY HAULING IT THRU THE NOW-OPEN AIR VENT!


UNTIL--SECONDS LATER--WHEN THE INCREDIBLE ALARM IS SHOUTED--
THE JEWELS!! THEY'VE BEEN STOLEN!!
THE THIEF STILL HAS TO BE RIGHT HERE--ON THE TRAIN!!
NOBODY MOVE!! EVERYONE STAY WHERE YOU ARE!


SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE PLAYIN' MY SONG, KIDDIES!
MIKE--WAIT! YOU CAN'T--!
WANNA BET?
YOU ACT--AS THOUGH YOU WERE EXPECTING THIS TO HAPPEN--ALL ALONG--!
NOT JUST EXPECTING, LOVELY LADY--HOPING!
I HOPED I'D BE AROUND IF THE NECKLACE WAS SNATCHED--
AND I'M HOPING THE BEETLE'S THE ONE WHO TOOK IT!
YOU TWO STAY WHERE YOU ARE--BUT YOU CAN CHEER IF YOU WANNA!
WELL, WELL! IT IS YOU!
HOW LUCKY CAN A FEARLESS FELLA BE?!!
DAREDEVIL! AGAIN YOU CHOOSE TO DEFY YOUR BETTERS!
--AND AGAIN YOU SHALL LIVE TO REGRET IT!
I NEED MERELY EXTEND MY WHIP-LIKE FINGERS, AND--
UH UH! NOT THIS TIME, YOU OVER-GROWN BEDBUG!
THOK
I WOULD LIKE TO STAY LONG ENOUGH TO FINISH YOU FOR-EVER, BUT ALAS--I CANNOT!
I MUST BE ON MY WAY BEFORE THE POLICE CAN CONVERGE UPON THIS SPOT!
SO, FAREWELL, MASKED MAN!
IT'S A PITY YOU ARE EARTHBOUND --UNLIKE THE BEETLE!
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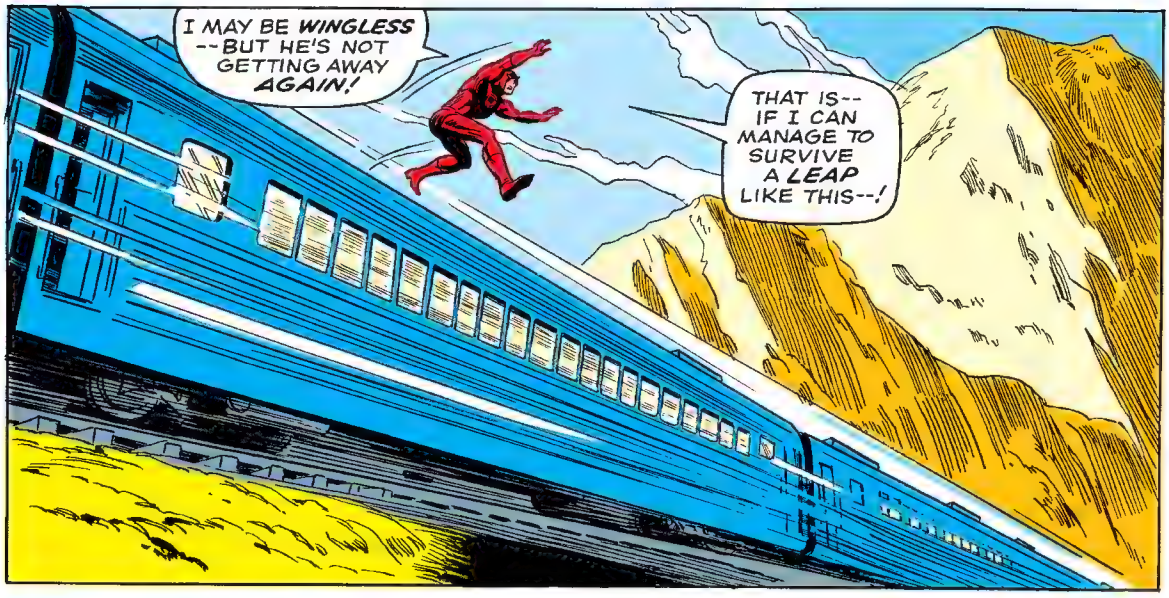
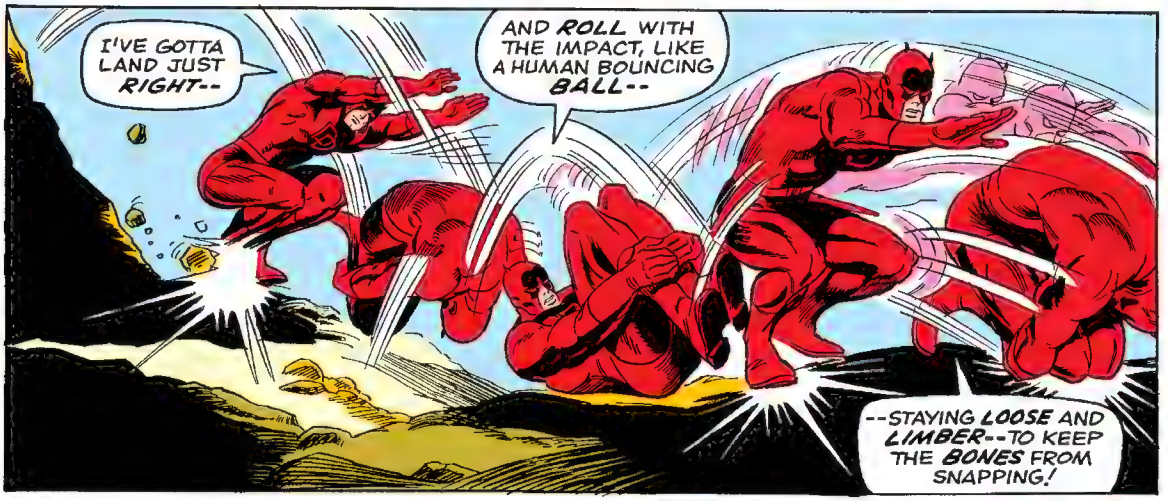
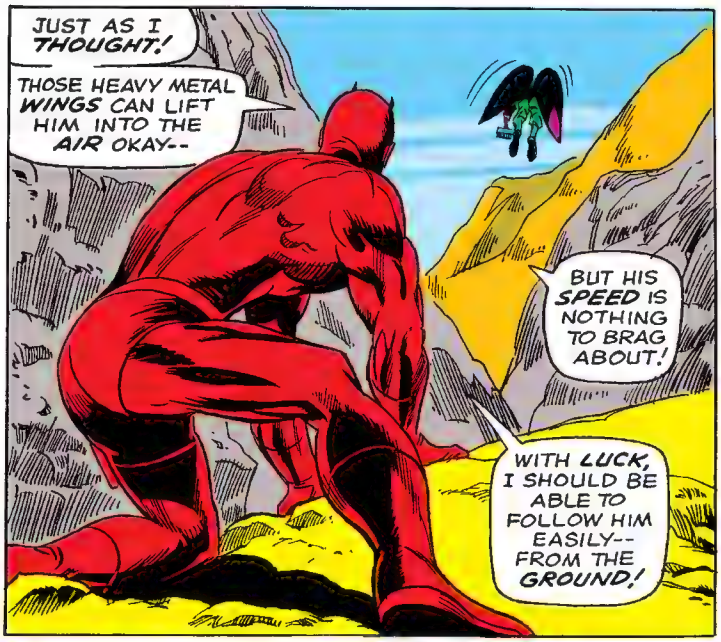
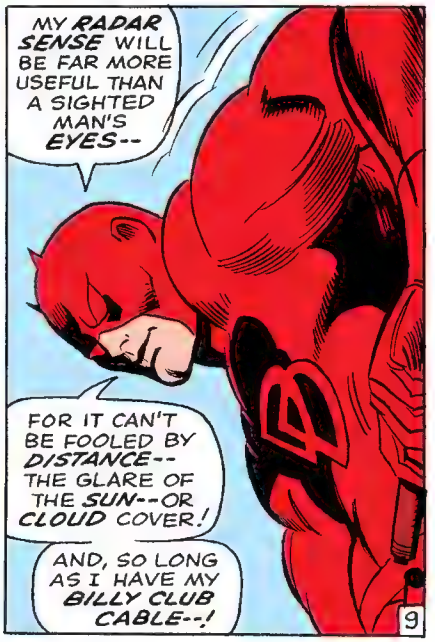
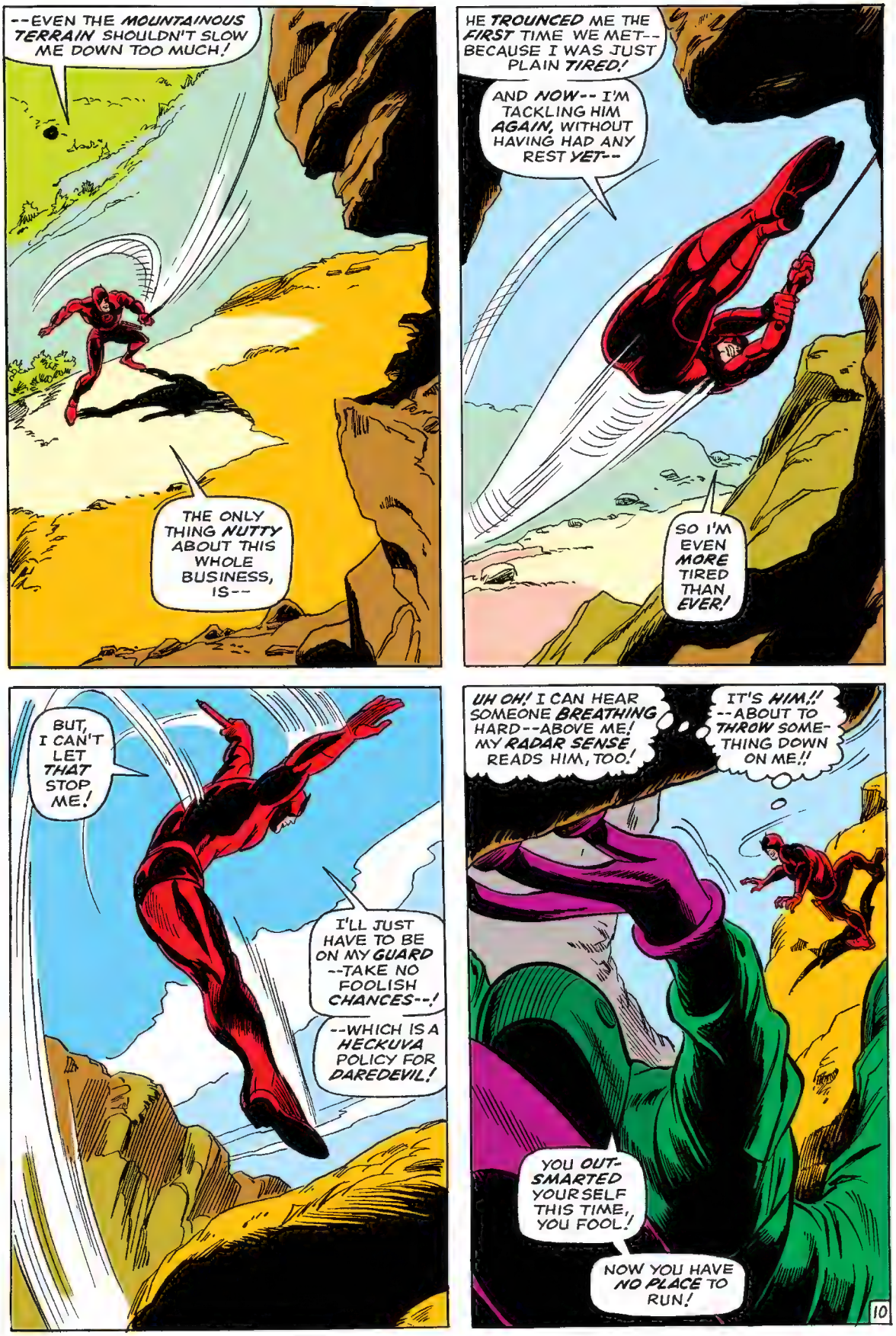

I MAY BE WINGLESS --BUT HE'S NOT GETTING AWAY AGAIN!
THAT IS-- IF I CAN MANAGE TO SURVIVE A LEAP LIKE THIS--!


I'VE GOTTA LAND JUST RIGHT--
AND ROLL WITH THE IMPACT, LIKE A HUMAN BOUNCING BALL--
--STAYING LOOSE AND LIMBER--TO KEEP THE BONES FROM SNAPPING!


JUST AS I THOUGHT!
THOSE HEAVY METAL WINGS CAN LIFT HIM INTO THE AIR OKAY--
BUT HIS SPEED IS NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT!
WITH LUCK, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HIM EASILY-- FROM THE GROUND!


MY RADAR SENSE WILL BE FAR MORE USEFUL THAN A SIGHTED MAN'S EYES--
FOR IT CAN'T BE FOOLED BY DISTANCE-- THE GLARE OF THE SUN--OR CLOUD COVER!
AND, SO LONG AS I HAVE MY BILLY CLUB CABLE--!


--EVEN THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN SHOULDN'T SLOW ME DOWN TOO MUCH!
THE ONLY THING NUTTY ABOUT THIS WHOLE BUSINESS, IS--
HE TROUNCED ME THE FIRST TIME WE MET--BECAUSE I WAS JUST PLAIN TIRED!
AND NOW-- I'M TACKLING HIM AGAIN, WITHOUT HAVING HAD ANY REST YET--
SO I'M EVEN MORE TIRED THAN EVER!
BUT, I CAN'T LET THAT STOP ME!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO BE ON MY GUARD --TAKE NO FOOLISH CHANCES--!
--WHICH IS A HECKUVA POLICY FOR DAREDEVIL!
UH OH! I CAN HEAR SOMEONE BREATHING HARD--ABOVE ME! MY RADAR SENSE READS HIM, TOO!
IT'S HIM!! --ABOUT TO THROW SOMETHING DOWN ON ME!!
YOU OUTSMARTED YOURSELF THIS TIME, YOU FOOL!
NOW YOU HAVE NO PLACE TO RUN!

MAYBE I DON'T--
BUT THAT'S NEVER STOPPED ME BEFORE!
SPECIALLY IF I CAN LEAP ACROSS A CHASM AND MAKE IT TO THE OTHER SIDE!
A MOST ADMIRABLE EFFORT, DAREDEVIL!
AS A REWARD, I'LL TOY WITH YOU A WHILE LONGER!
BUT, REMEMBER-- --THE FURTHER YOU FOLLOW ME, INTO THE WILDS--THE LESS CHANCE YOU HAVE OF EVER RETURNING --ALIVE!
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IF THAT LITTLE THREAT WAS INTENDED TO SCARE ME--IT SUCCEEDED!
I'M SCARED, ALL RIGHT!
SCARED HE'LL TALK HIMSELF TO DEATH BEFORE I CAN REACH HIM!
UH OH! MY EVERY SENSE DETECTS A WATERFALL UP AHEAD!
AND, FROM THE SOUND OF IT--IT'S A LULU!
BUT, IF THE BEETLE CAN REACH THE OTHER SIDE--
THEN I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO DO IT TOO!
SOMETHING WRONG, DAREDEVIL?
YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF A LITTLE WATER, ARE YOU?
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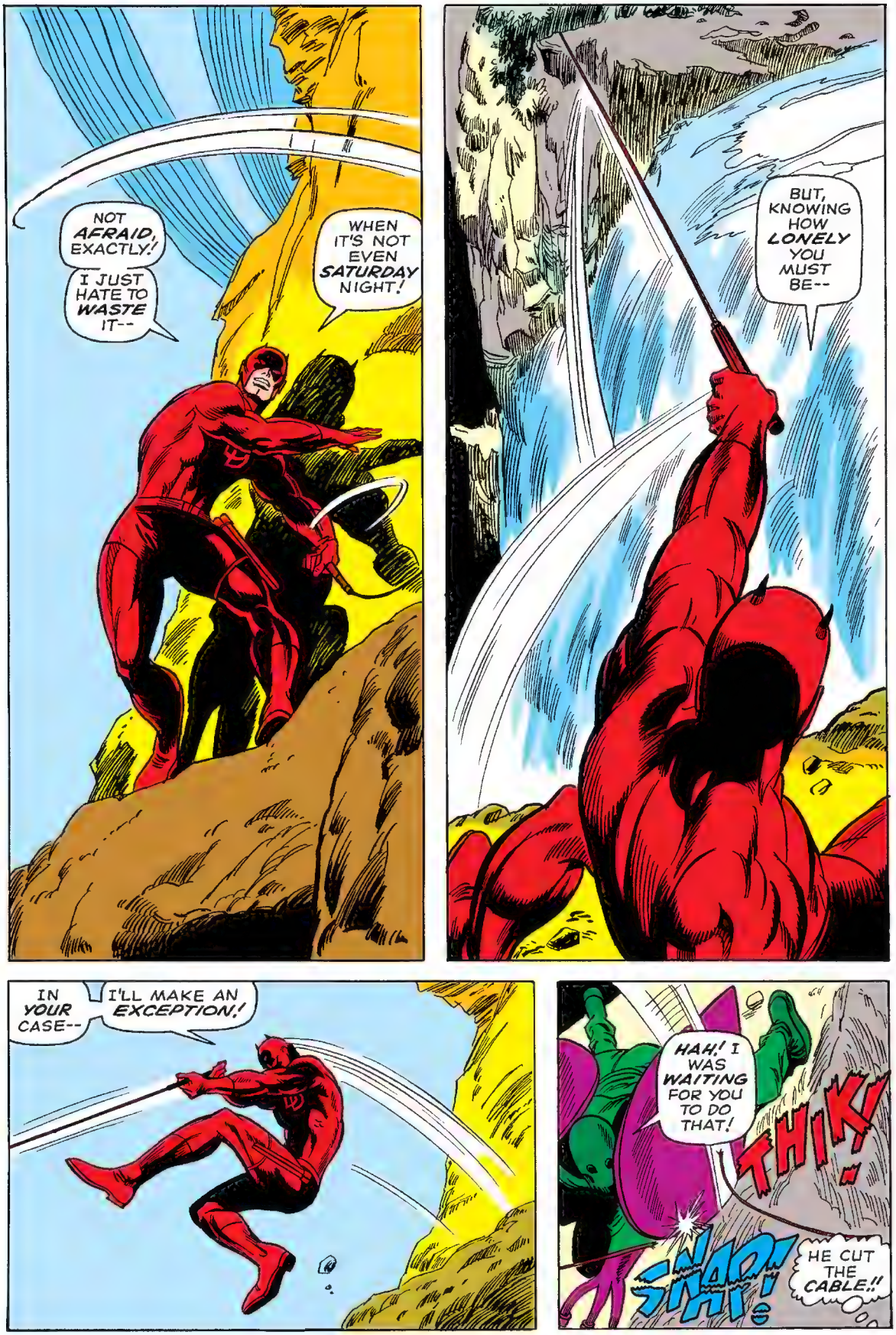
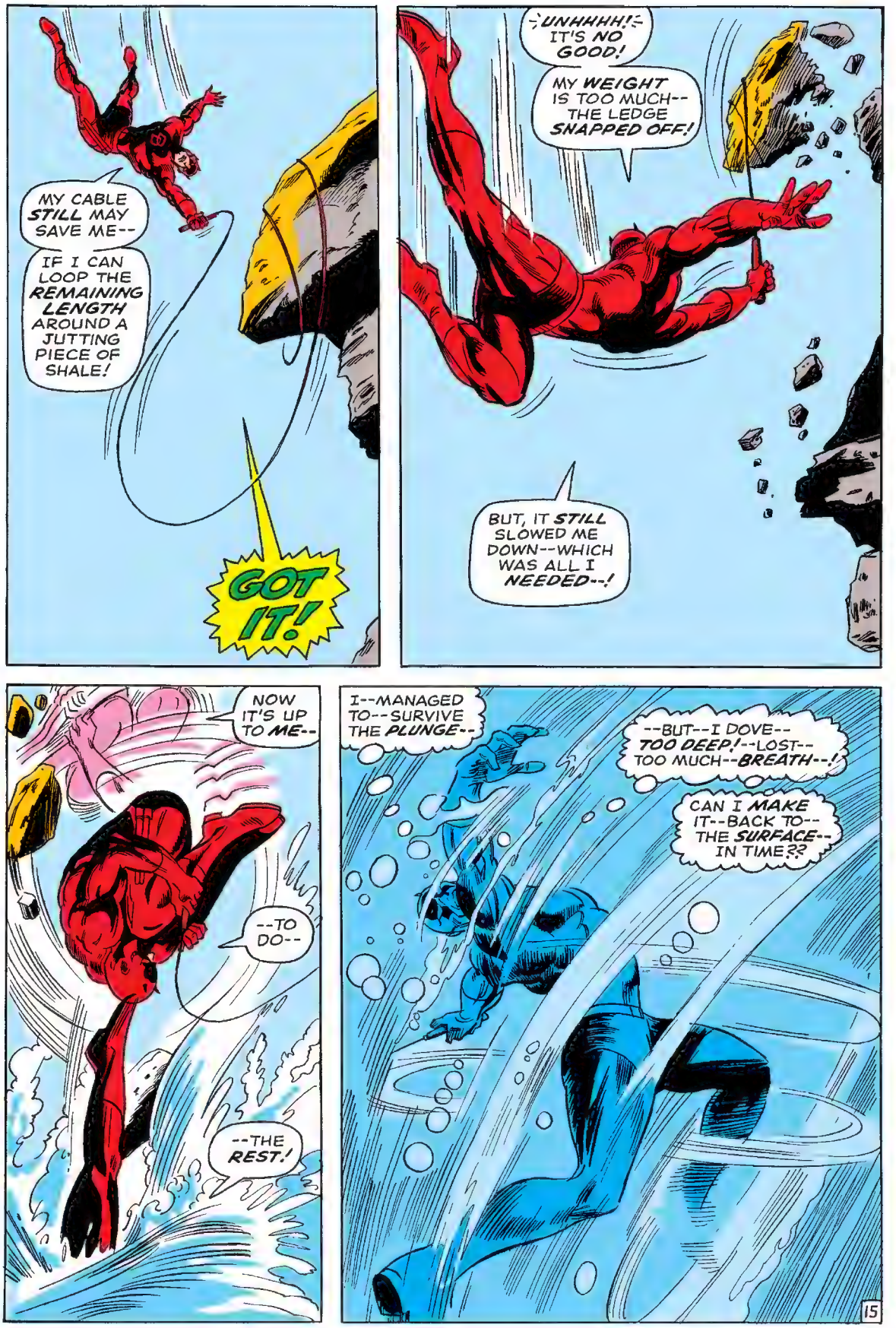
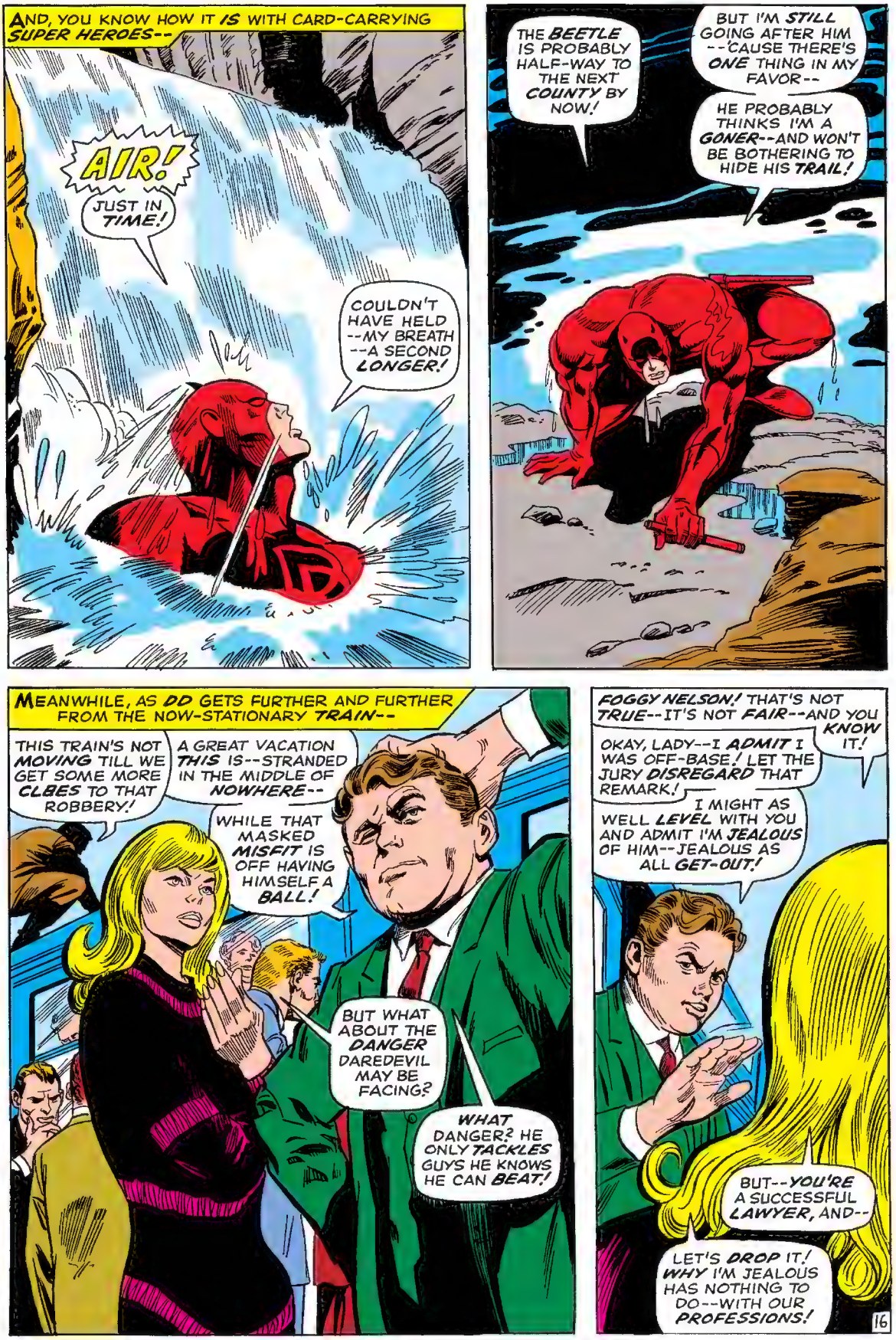
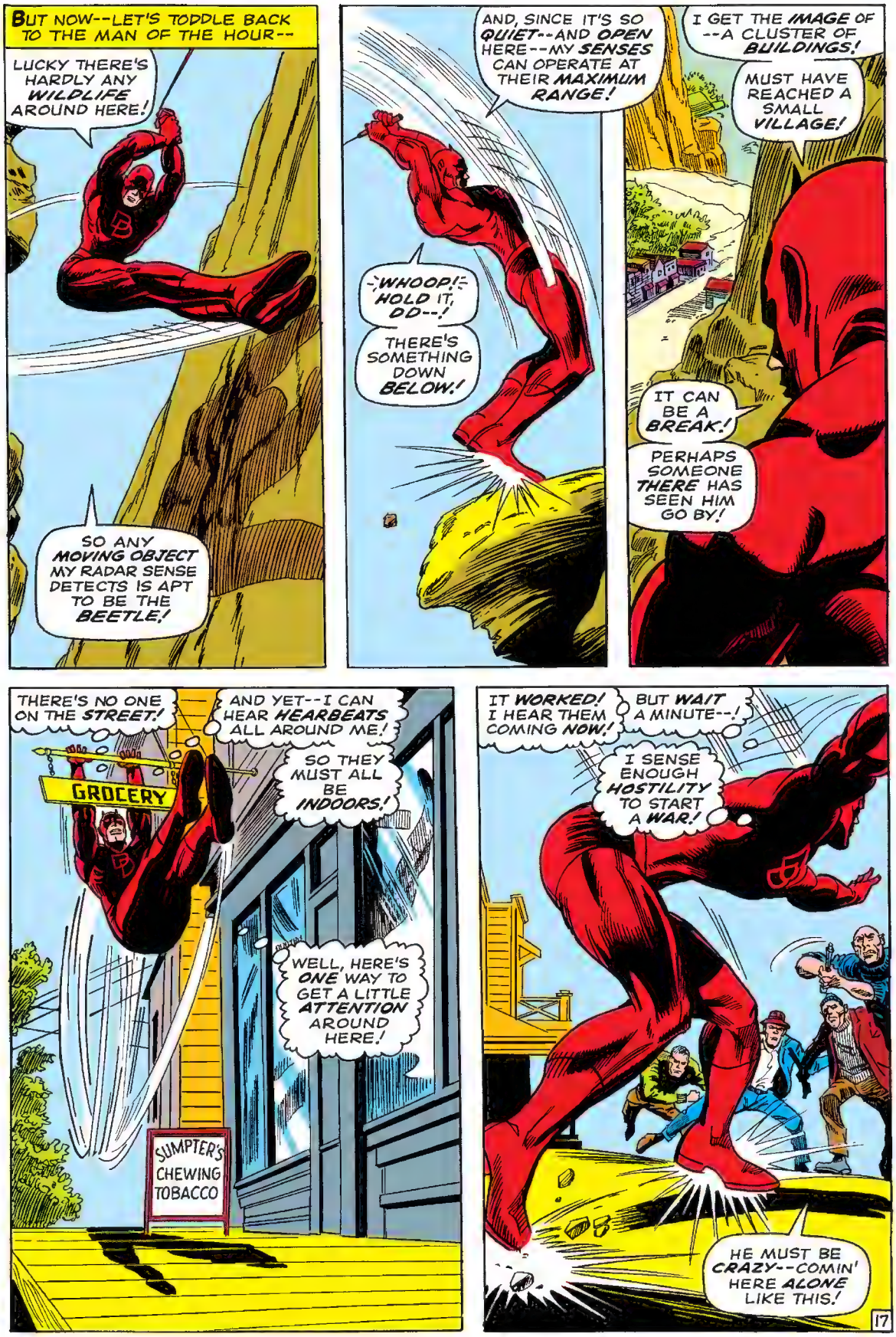

NOT AFRAID, EXACTLY!
I JUST HATE TO WASTE IT--
WHEN IT'S NOT EVEN SATURDAY NIGHT!
BUT, KNOWING HOW LONELY YOU MUST BE--
IN YOUR CASE--
I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION!
HAH! I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO DO THAT!
THIK!
SNAP!
HE CUT THE CABLE!!

AND, IF ANYONE CAN WRITE A CAPTION--OR DIALOGUE--WHICH WILL DO JUSTICE TO THIS GREAT ILLUSTRATION OF GENE'S, THEN GO AHEAD--BE STAN'S GUEST!


MY CABLE STILL MAY SAVE ME--
IF I CAN LOOP THE REMAINING LENGTH AROUND A JUTTING PIECE OF SHALE!
GOT IT!
-UNHHHH!- IT'S NO GOOD!
MY WEIGHT IS TOO MUCH-- THE LEDGE SNAPPED OFF!
BUT, IT STILL SLOWED ME DOWN--WHICH WAS ALL I NEEDED--!
NOW IT'S UP TO ME--
--TO DO--
--THE REST.!
I--MANAGED TO--SURVIVE THE PLUNGE--
--BUT--I DOVE-- TOO DEEP!--LOST-- TOO MUCH--BREATH--!
CAN I MAKE IT--BACK TO-- THE SURFACE-- IN TIME??


AND, YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH CARD-CARRYING SUPER HEROES--
AIR!
JUST IN TIME!
COULDN'T HAVE HELD --MY BREATH --A SECOND LONGER!
THE BEETLE IS PROBABLY HALF-WAY TO THE NEXT COUNTY BY NOW!
BUT I'M STILL GOING AFTER HIM --'CAUSE THERE'S ONE THING IN MY FAVOR--
HE PROBABLY THINKS I'M A GONER--AND WON'T BE BOTHERING TO HIDE HIS TRAIL!
MEANWHILE, AS DD GETS FURTHER AND FURTHER FROM THE NOW-STATIONARY TRAIN--
THIS TRAIN'S NOT MOVING TILL WE GET SOME MORE CLUES TO THAT ROBBERY!
A GREAT VACATION THIS IS--STRANDED IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE--
WHILE THAT MASKED MISFIT IS OFF HAVING HIMSELF A BALL!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE DANGER DAREDEVIL MAY BE FACING?
WHAT DANGER? HE ONLY TACKLES GUYS HE KNOWS HE CAN BEAT!
FOGGY NELSON! THAT'S NOT TRUE--IT'S NOT FAIR--AND YOU KNOW IT!
OKAY, LADY--I ADMIT I WAS OFF-BASE! LET THE JURY DISREGARD THAT REMARK!
I MIGHT AS WELL LEVEL WITH YOU AND ADMIT I'M JEALOUS OF HIM--JEALOUS AS ALL GET-OUT!
BUT--YOU'RE A SUCCESSFUL LAWYER, AND--
LET'S DROP IT! WHY I'M JEALOUS HAS NOTHING TO DO--WITH OUR PROFESSIONS!


BUT NOW--LET'S TODDLE BACK TO THE MAN OF THE HOUR--
LUCKY THERE'S HARDLY ANY WILDLIFE AROUND HERE!
SO ANY MOVING OBJECT MY RADAR SENSE DETECTS IS APT TO BE THE BEETLE!
AND, SINCE IT'S SO QUIET--AND OPEN HERE--MY SENSES CAN OPERATE AT THEIR MAXIMUM RANGE!
-WHOOP!- HOLD IT, DD--!
THERE'S SOMETHING DOWN BELOW!
I GET THE IMAGE OF --A CLUSTER OF BUILDINGS!
MUST HAVE REACHED A SMALL VILLAGE!
IT CAN BE A BREAK!
PERHAPS SOMEONE THERE HAS SEEN HIM GO BY!
THERE'S NO ONE ON THE STREET!
AND YET--I CAN HEAR HEARBEATS ALL AROUND ME!
SO THEY MUST ALL BE INDOORS!
GROCERY
WELL, HERE'S ONE WAY TO GET A LITTLE ATTENTION AROUND HERE!
SUMPTER'S CHEWING TOBACCO
IT WORKED! I HEAR THEM COMING NOW!
BUT WAIT A MINUTE--!
I SENSE ENOUGH HOSTILITY TO START A WAR!
HE MUST BE CRAZY--COMIN' HERE ALONE LIKE THIS!
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FACE IT, HORNHEAD! WHOEVER THESE CHARACTERS ARE, YOU'LL NEVER GET 'EM IN YOUR FAN CLUB!
UH OH! THEY'RE STARTING TO RUSH ME!
THEY'RE CARRYING GUNS--LIKE THEY MEAN TO USE 'EM! THESE JOKERS JUST AREN'T KIDDIN' AROUND!
BUT, I STILL DON'T GET IT!
THERE'S NO FAMILIAR HEARTBEAT OR VOICE IN THE BUNCH!
WHO ARE THEY?? AND WHAT'S THE DEAL??
-UHH!!-
LOOK OUT! HE'S GONNA--
-OOFFF!-
GRAB 'IM!!
I DUNNO WHO YOU CUTIES ARE--
BUT ONE THING'S FOR SURE--
YOU'RE NOT WORKING FOR THE WELCOME WAGON!
THPK!
NOW LOOK--SUPPOSE WE TALK THIS OVER FOR A WHILE--?
KLIK!
SURE! TALK ALL YOU WANT TO--!
ARGHHH!
ZK!
NOT WITH THAT BLASTER IN YOUR HAND, WISE GUY!
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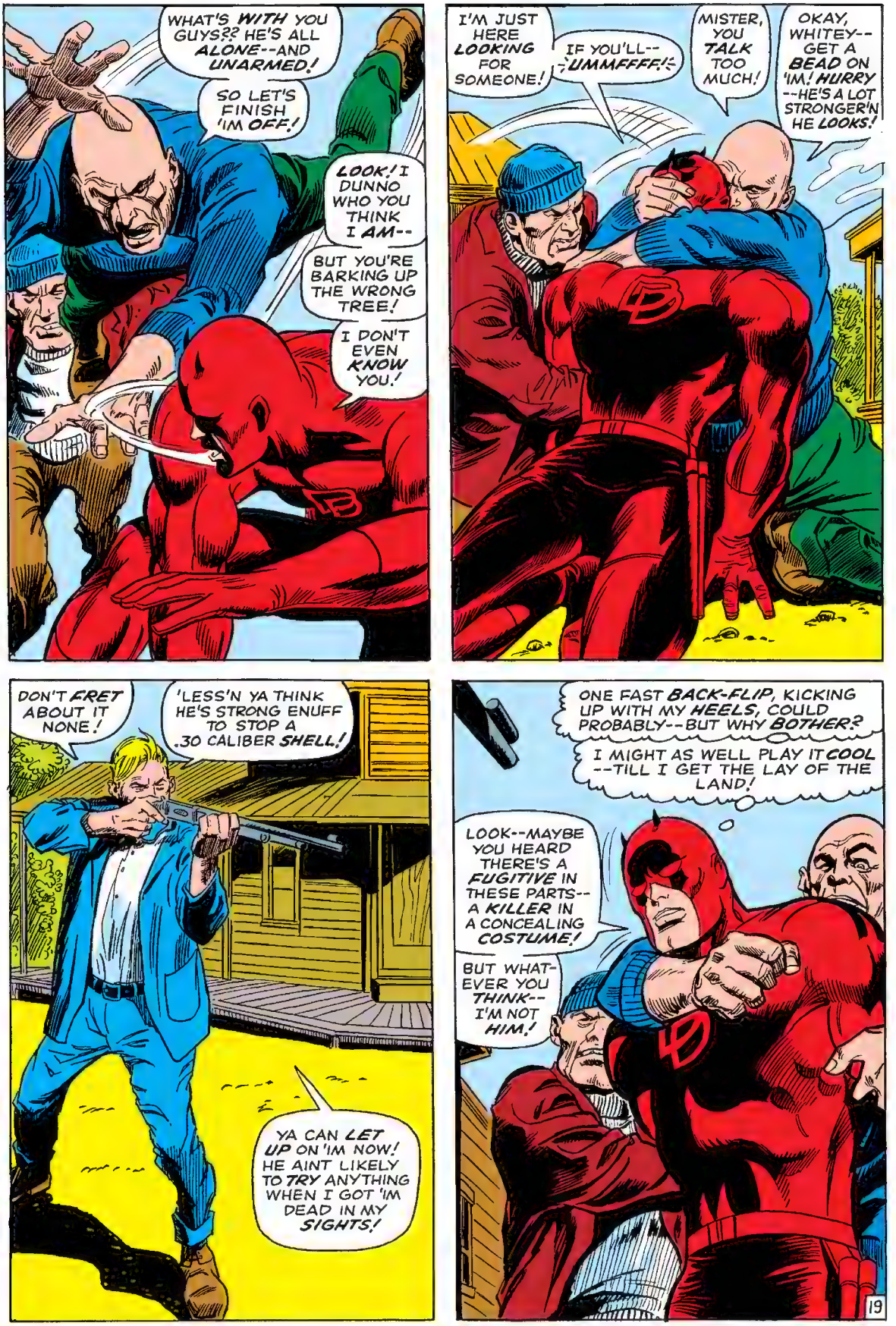
WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?? HE'S ALL ALONE--AND UNARMED!
SO LET'S FINISH 'IM OFF!
LOOK! I DUNNO WHO YOU THINK I AM--
BUT YOU'RE BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU!
I'M JUST HERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE!
IF YOU'LL--
-UMMFFFF!-
MISTER, YOU TALK TOO MUCH!
OKAY, WHITEY--GET A BEAD ON 'IM! HURRY --HE'S A LOT STRONGER'N HE LOOKS!
DON'T FRET ABOUT IT NONE!
'LESS'N YA THINK HE'S STRONG ENUFF TO STOP A .30 CALIBER SHELL!
YA CAN LET UP ON 'IM NOW! HE AINT LIKELY TO TRY ANYTHING WHEN I GOT 'IM DEAD IN MY SIGHTS!
ONE FAST BACK-FLIP, KICKING UP WITH MY HEELS, COULD PROBABLY--BUT WHY BOTHER?
I MIGHT AS WELL PLAY IT COOL --TILL I GET THE LAY OF THE LAND!
LOOK--MAYBE YOU HEARD THERE'S A FUGITIVE IN THESE PARTS--A KILLER IN A CONCEALING COSTUME!
BUT WHATEVER YOU THINK--I'M NOT HIM!

HE CALLS HIMSELF THE BEETLE--AND I'M LOOKING FOR HIM--TRYING TO CATCH HIM!
HEAR THAT, WHITEY? THE MAN WANTS THE BEETLE!
WHY DIDN'TCHA JUST SAY SO, MISTER?
--COULD'A SAVED YOURSELF A LOTTA TROUBLE!
HEY, BOSS! CAN WE SEE YA FOR A MINUTE? WE GOT OUR-SELVES A LIVE ONE TODAY!
THUD!
THUMP!
HE SAYS HE'S LOOKIN' FOR THE BEETLE!
THOSE FOOTSTEPS! I'D KNOW THEM ANYWHERE--!
I WAS A FOOL NOT TO SUSPECT --THAT THE BEETLE MIGHT NOT BE WORKING ALONE!
WELL, WELL! MY ONE-TIME PURSUER STILL LIVES, DOES HE?
BUT, NEVER FEAR-- WE WILL VERY QUICKLY ATTEND TO THAT LITTLE MATTER!
UNLIKE THE OTHER FOES WHOM YOU'VE DEFEATED IN THE PAST --THE BEETLE IS FAR MORE CAUTIOUS!
YOU WILL BE GUARDED EVERY MINUTE--UNTIL I SELECT THE MOST FITTING FATE-- FOR A DOOMED DAREDEVIL!
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NEXT:
AMONG ONE OR TWO OTHER THINGS--
The ORIGIN of the BEETLE!

HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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LOOK! DAREDEVIL'S HELPLESS!
THE BEETLE IS ABOUT TO UNMASK HIM!
"TO SQUASH A BEETLE!"

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"TO SQUASH A BEETLE!"
DONE WEARY...ON THE VERGE OF COMPLETE EXHAUSTION...DAREDEVIL HAS FOLLOWED THE METAL-WINGED BEETLE ON FOOT, WHILE THE HIGH-FLYING ARCH-VILLAIN HAS REACHED HIS FAR NORTH HIDEOUT WITH THE STOLEN, PRICELESS REGINA NECKLACE, WHICH HAD BEEN EN ROUTE TO EXPO '67 FOR DISPLAY! AND NOW, AS THE BEETLE'S MEN CLOSE IN, DD DESPERATELY STRIKES BACK--
LET'S HEAR IT FOR:
STAN LEE (THE MAN) and GENE COLAN (THE DEAN)
WHO BRING YOU THIS ACTION-PACKED THRILLER-CHILLER!
ABLY ASSISTED BY:
JOHN TARTAGLIONE, INKER
ARTIE SIMEK, LETTERER
THE BEST TIME TO ACT IS WHEN THEY LEAST EXPECT IT--LIKE NOW!
ZOK!
WHOP!
HOLD ONTO YOUR HATS, HEROES! WE'RE GONNA MOVE!!
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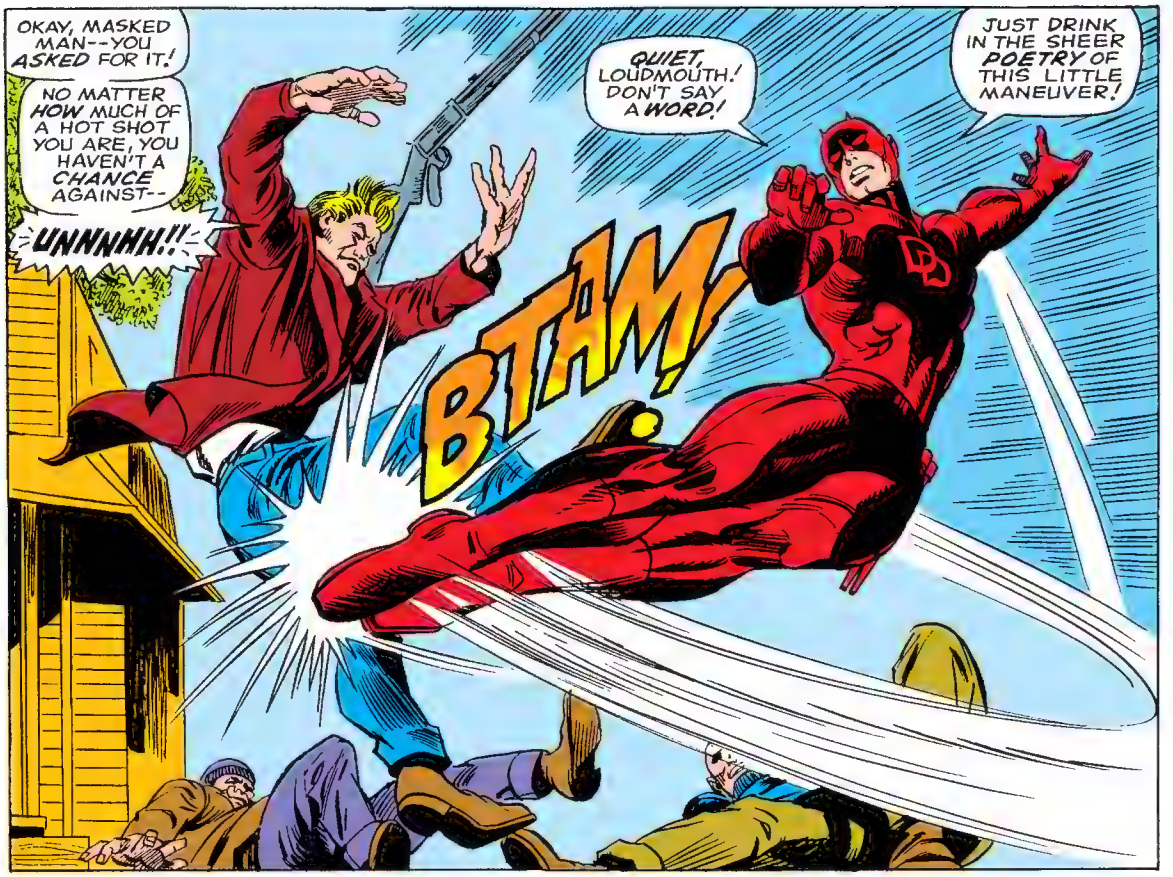
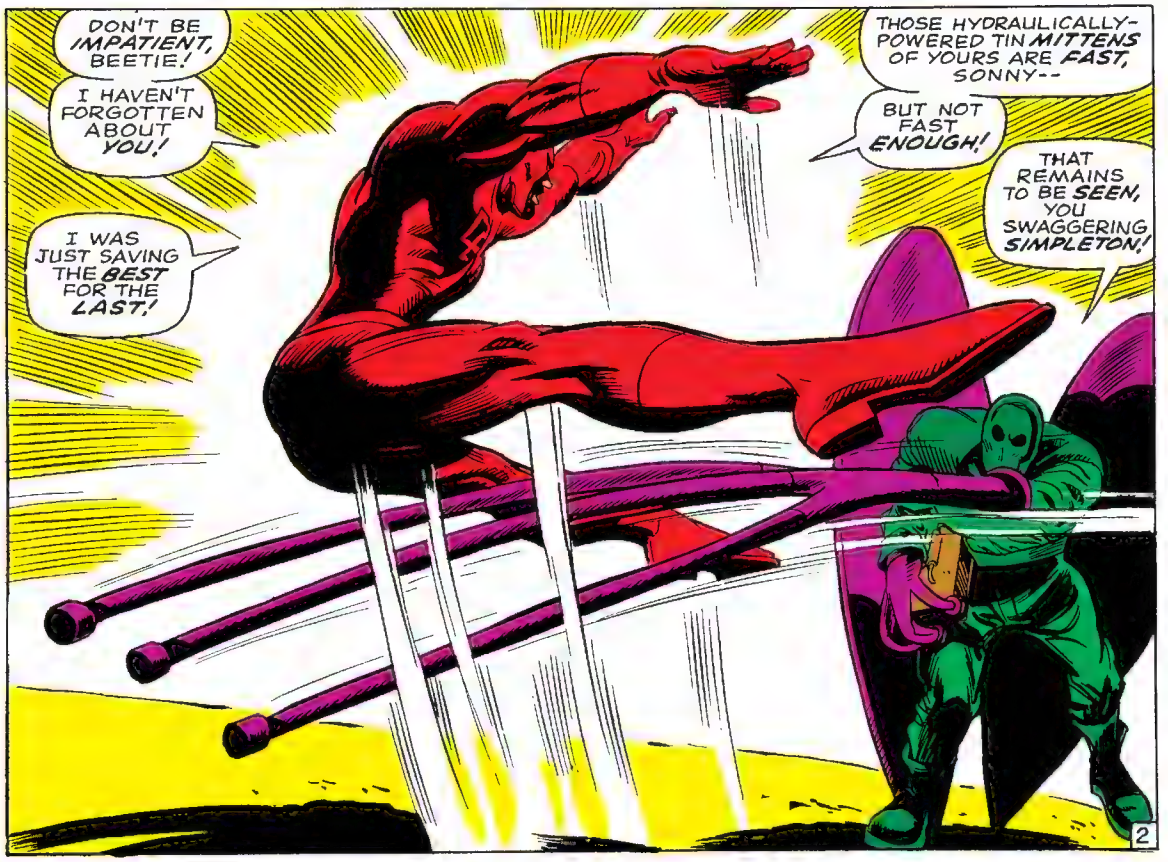
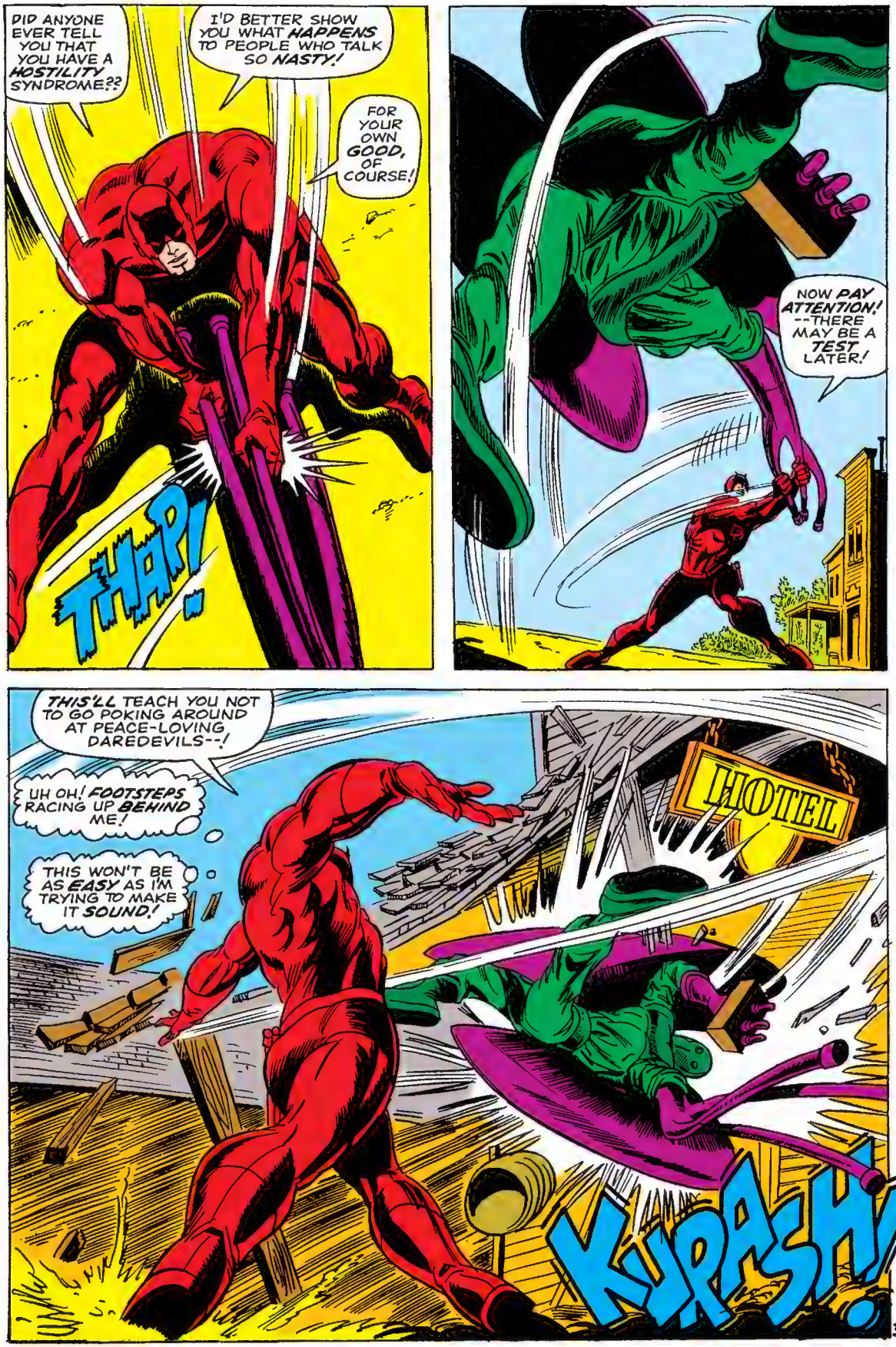
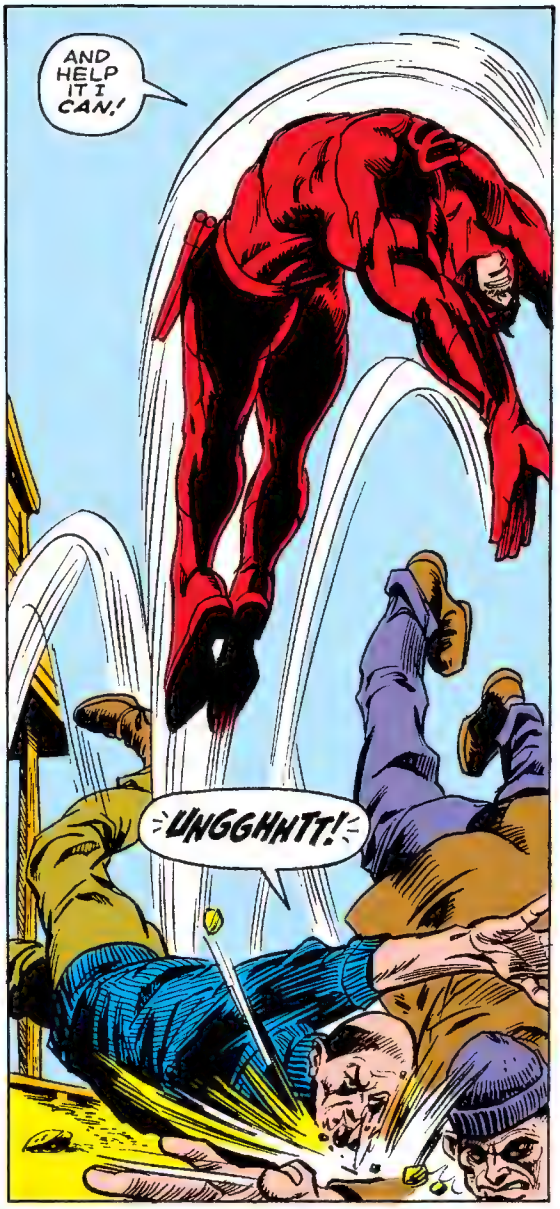

OKAY, MASKED MAN--YOU ASKED FOR IT!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF A HOT SHOT YOU ARE, YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE AGAINST--
UNNNHH!!
QUIET, LOUDMOUTH! DON'T SAY A WORD!
BTAM!
JUST DRINK IN THE SHEER POETRY OF THIS LITTLE MANEUVER!


DON'T BE IMPATIENT, BEETIE!
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU!
I WAS JUST SAVING THE BEST FOR THE LAST!
THOSE HYDRAULICALLY-POWERED TIN MITTENS OF YOURS ARE FAST, SONNY--
BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH!
THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, YOU SWAGGERING SIMPLETON!

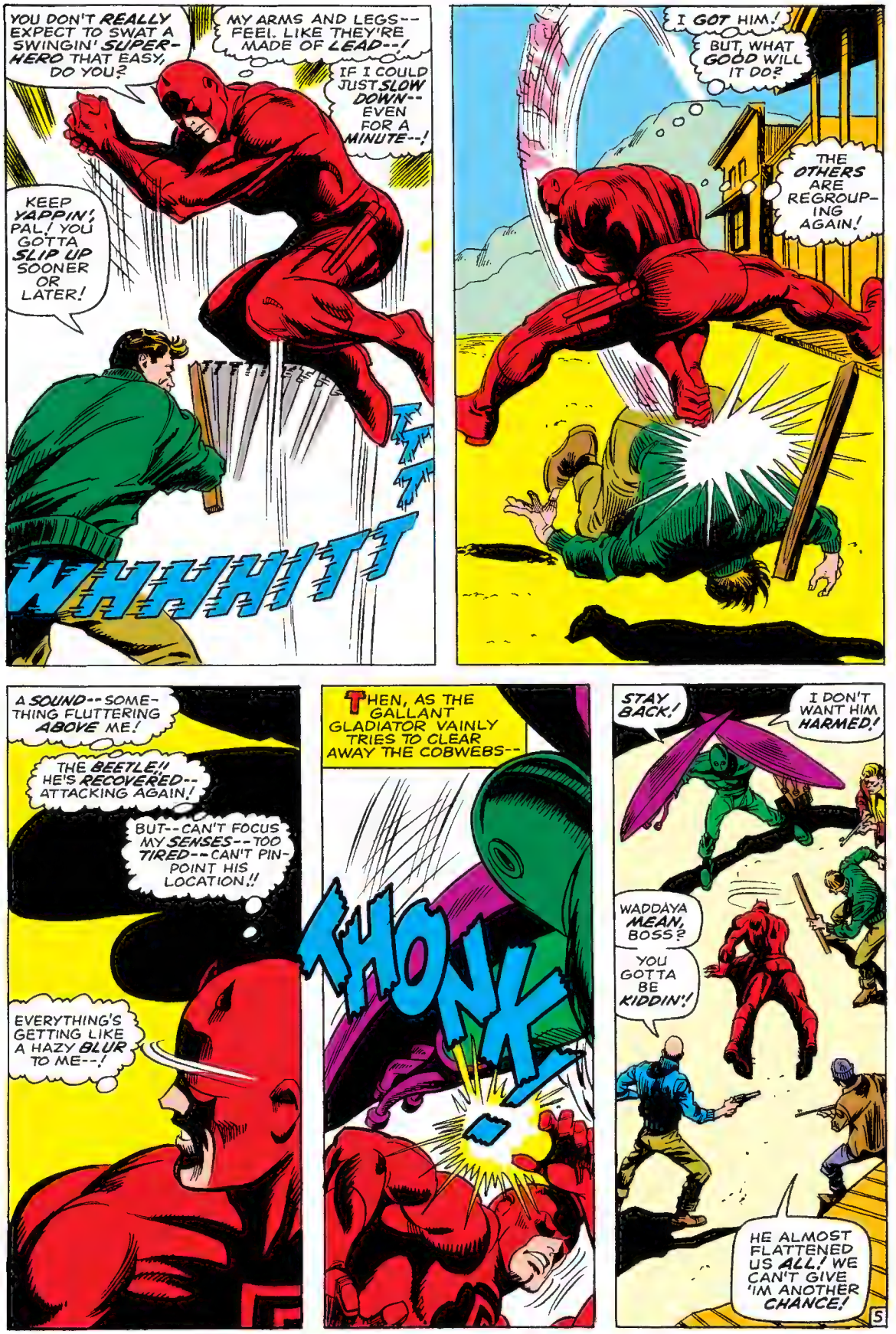

DID ANYONE EVER TELL YOU THAT YOU HAVE A HOSTILITY SYNDROME??
I'D BETTER SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHO TALK SO NASTY!
FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, OF COURSE!
THAP!
NOW PAY ATTENTION! --THERE MAY BE A TEST LATER!
THIS'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO GO POKING AROUND AT PEACE-LOVING DAREDEVILS--!
UH OH! FOOTSTEPS RACING UP BEHIND ME!
THIS WON'T BE AS EASY AS I'M TRYING TO MAKE IT SOUND!
HOTEL
KURASH!

WE'LL SHUT YOUR MOUTH NOW--FOR GOOD!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, SWEETIE!


AND HELP IT I CAN!
UNGGHHTT!

I'M GETTING TIRED--TOO DANGEROUSLY TIRED!
CAN'T KEEP UP THE PACE MUCH LONGER!
DON'T YOU FELLAS EVER STOP FOR A COFFEE BREAK?

THE ONLY THING THAT'LL BREAK AROUND HERE IS--HEY!!
HOW'D YOU MOVE SO FAST??
I HAD TO!! YOU'VE GOT BAD BREATH!


YOU DON'T REALLY EXPECT TO SWAT A SWINGIN' SUPER-HERO THAT EASY, DO YOU?
MY ARMS AND LEGS--FEEL LIKE THEY'RE MADE OF LEAD--!
IF I COULD JUST SLOW DOWN--EVEN FOR A MINUTE--!
KEEP YAPPIN', PAL! YOU GOTTA SLIP UP SOONER OR LATER!
WHAMM!!
I GOT HIM!
BUT, WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO?
THE OTHERS ARE REGROUPING AGAIN!
A SOUND--SOMETHING FLUTTERING ABOVE ME!
THE BEETLE!! HE'S RECOVERED--ATTACKING AGAIN!
BUT--CAN'T FOCUS MY SENSES--TOO TIRED--CAN'T PINPOINT HIS LOCATION!!
EVERYTHING'S GETTING LIKE A HAZY BLUR TO ME--!
THEN, AS THE GALLANT GLADIATOR VAINLY TRIES TO CLEAR AWAY THE COBWEBS--
THONK
STAY BACK!
I DON'T WANT HIM HARMED!
WADDAYA MEAN, BOSS?
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN'!
HE ALMOST FLATTENED US ALL! WE CAN'T GIVE 'IM ANOTHER CHANCE!
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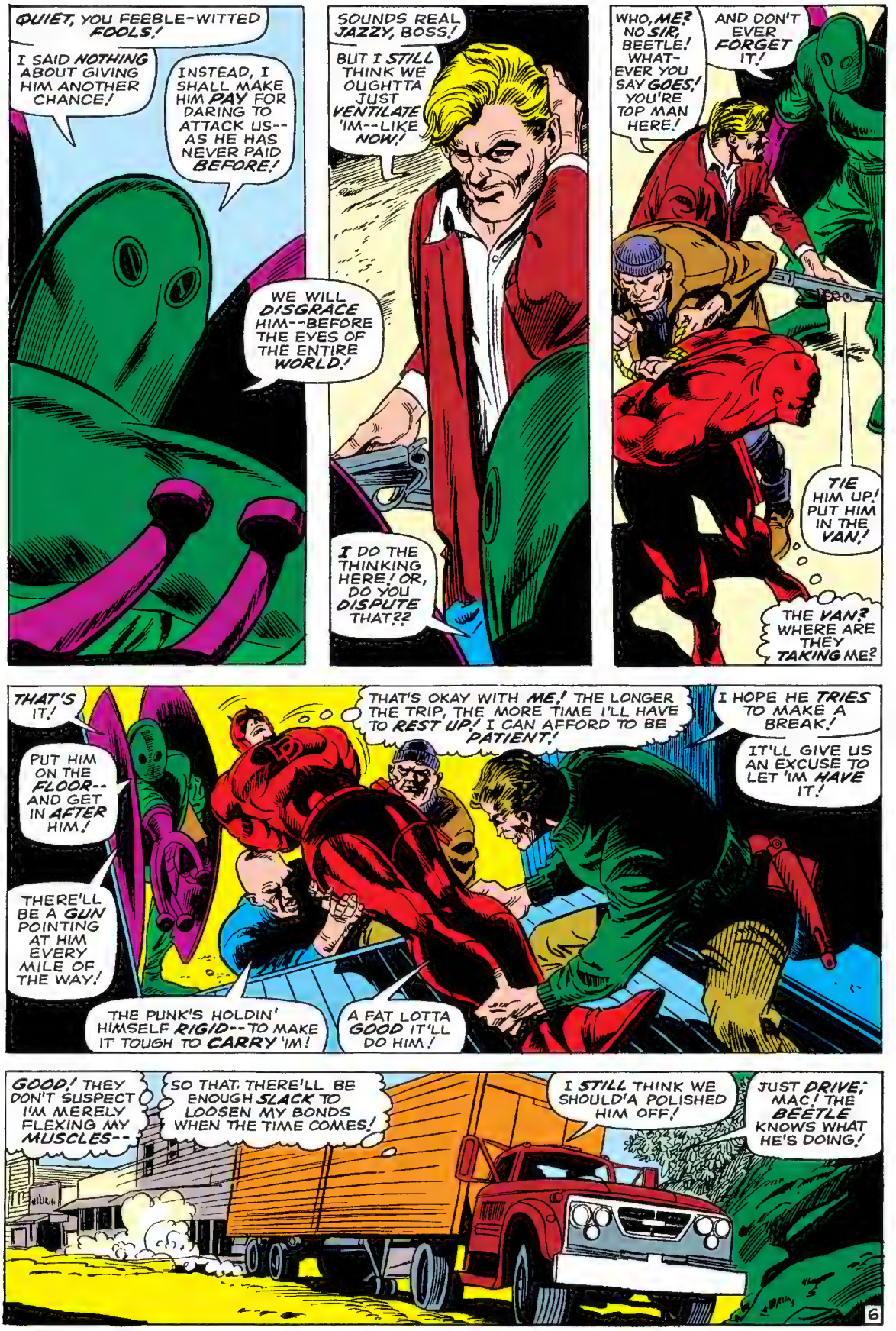
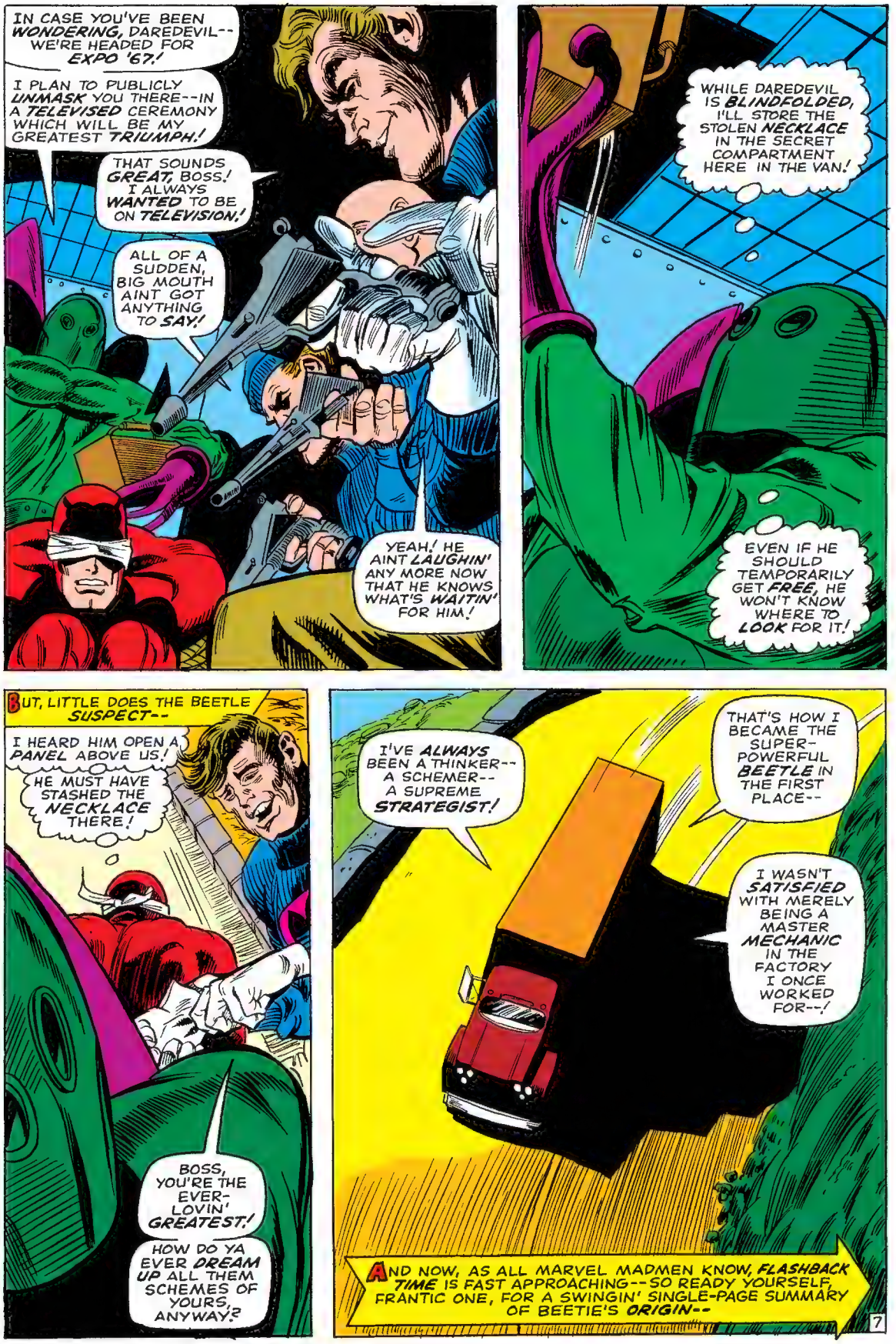
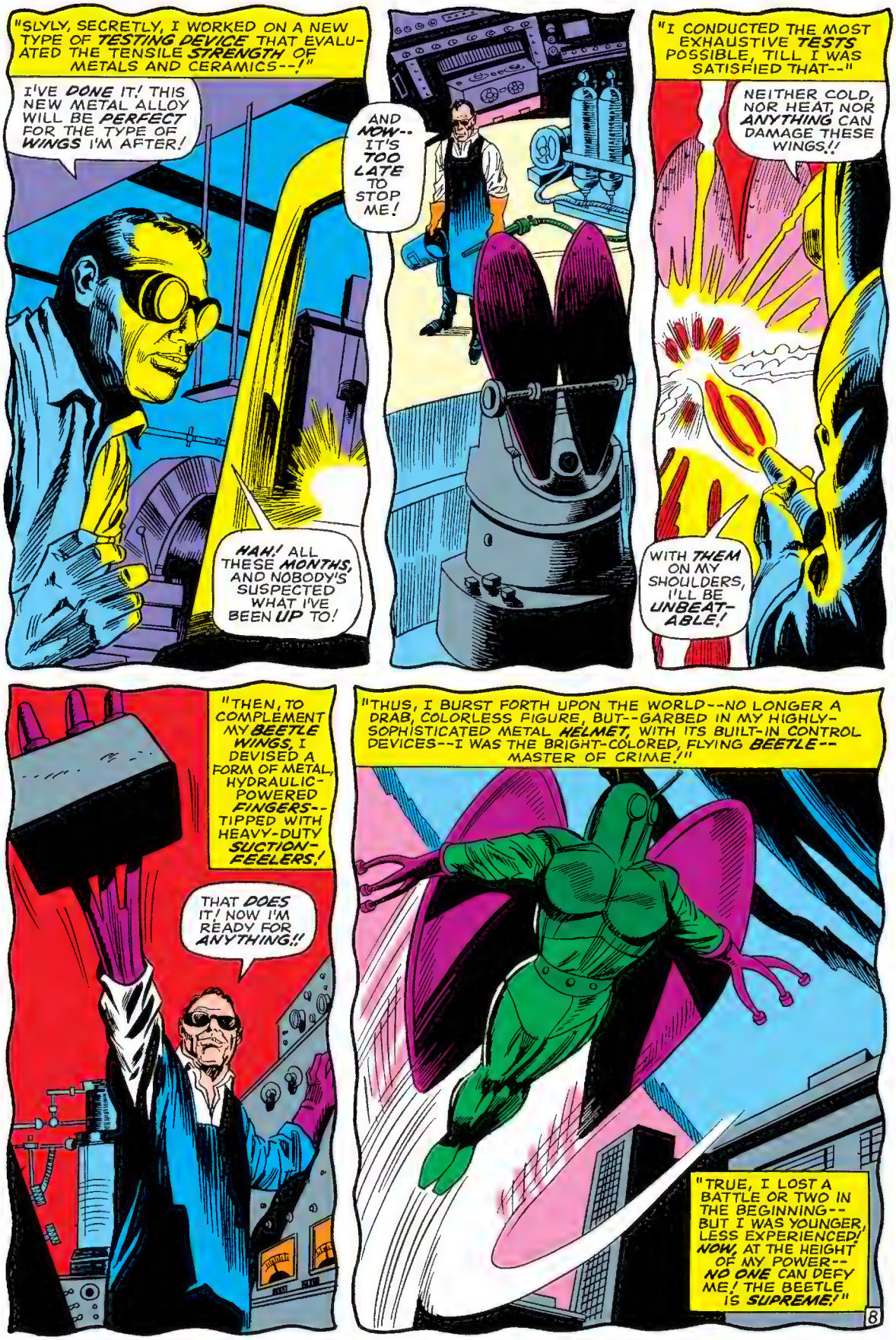
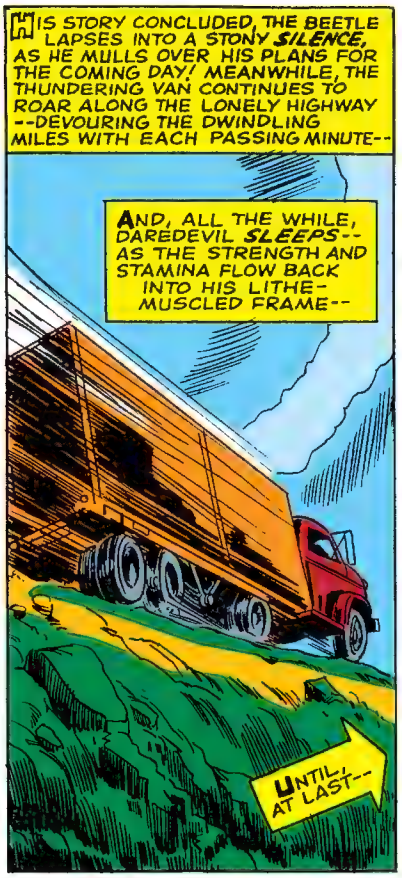
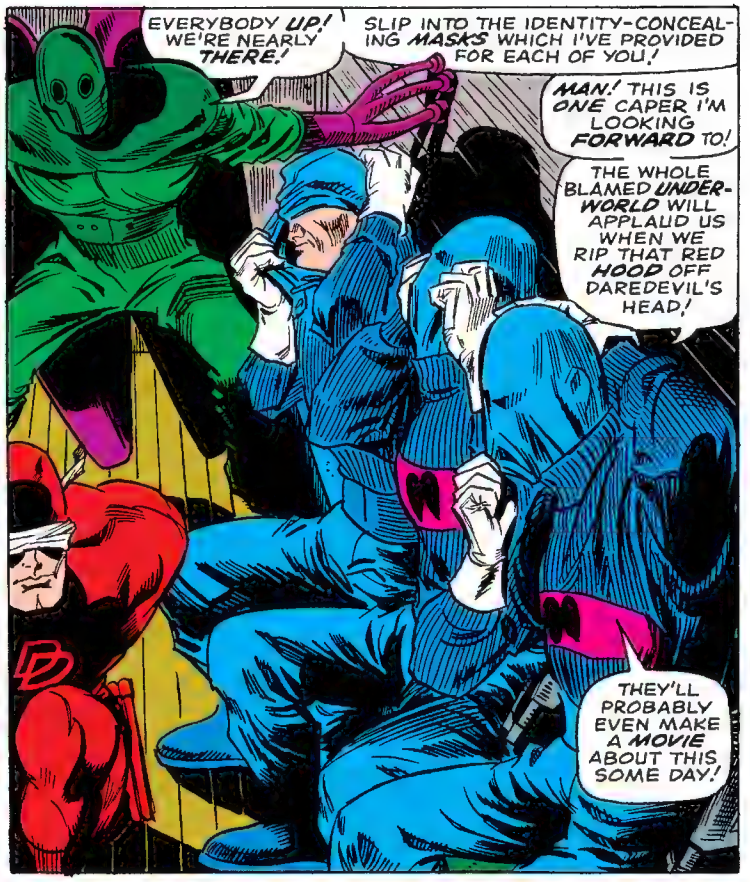

QUIET, YOU FEEBLE-WITTED FOOLS!
I SAID NOTHING ABOUT GIVING HIM ANOTHER CHANCE!
INSTEAD, I SHALL MAKE HIM PAY FOR DARING TO ATTACK US--AS HE HAS NEVER PAID BEFORE!
WE WILL DISGRACE HIM--BEFORE THE EYES OF THE ENTIRE WORLD!
SOUNDS REAL JAZZY, BOSS!
BUT I STILL THINK WE OUGHTTA JUST VENTILATE 'IM--LIKE NOW!
I DO THE THINKING HERE! OR, DO YOU DISPUTE THAT??
WHO, ME? NO SIR, BEETLE! WHATEVER YOU SAY GOES! YOU'RE TOP MAN HERE!
AND DON'T EVER FORGET IT!
TIE HIM UP! PUT HIM IN THE VAN!
THE VAN? WHERE ARE THEY TAKING ME?
THAT'S IT!
PUT HIM ON THE FLOOR--AND GET IN AFTER HIM!
THERE'LL BE A GUN POINTING AT HIM EVERY MILE OF THE WAY!
THE PUNK'S HOLDIN' HIMSELF RIGID--TO MAKE IT TOUGH TO CARRY 'IM!
A FAT LOTTA GOOD IT'LL DO HIM!
THAT'S OKAY WITH ME! THE LONGER THE TRIP, THE MORE TIME I'LL HAVE TO REST UP! I CAN AFFORD TO BE PATIENT!
I HOPE HE TRIES TO MAKE A BREAK!
IT'LL GIVE US AN EXCUSE TO LET 'IM HAVE IT!
GOOD! THEY DON'T SUSPECT I'M MERELY FLEXING MY MUSCLES--
SO THAT THERE'LL BE ENOUGH SLACK TO LOOSEN MY BONDS WHEN THE TIME COMES!
I STILL THINK WE SHOULD'A POLISHED HIM OFF!
JUST DRIVE, MAC! THE BEETLE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING!


IN CASE YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING, DAREDEVIL--WE'RE HEADED FOR EXPO '67!
I PLAN TO PUBLICLY UNMASK YOU THERE--IN A TELEVISED CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE MY GREATEST TRIUMPH!
THAT SOUNDS GREAT, BOSS! I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE ON TELEVISION!
ALL OF A SUDDEN, BIG MOUTH AINT GOT ANYTHING TO SAY!
YEAH! HE AINT LAUGHIN' ANY MORE NOW THAT HE KNOWS WHAT'S WAITIN' FOR HIM!
WHILE DAREDEVIL IS BLINDFOLDED, I'LL STORE THE STOLEN NECKLACE IN THE SECRET COMPARTMENT HERE IN THE VAN!
EVEN IF HE SHOULD TEMPORARILY GET FREE, HE WON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK FOR IT!
BUT, LITTLE DOES THE BEETLE SUSPECT--
I HEARD HIM OPEN A PANEL ABOVE US!
HE MUST HAVE STASHED THE NECKLACE THERE!
BOSS, YOU'RE THE EVER-LOVIN' GREATEST!
HOW DO YA EVER DREAM UP ALL THEM SCHEMES OF YOURS, ANYWAY?
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A THINKER--A SCHEMER--A SUPREME STRATEGIST!
THAT'S HOW I BECAME THE SUPER-POWERFUL BEETLE IN THE FIRST PLACE--
I WASN'T SATISFIED WITH MERELY BEING A MASTER MECHANIC IN THE FACTORY I ONCE WORKED FOR--!
AND NOW, AS ALL MARVEL MADMEN KNOW, FLASHBACK TIME IS FAST APPROACHING--SO READY YOURSELF, FRANTIC ONE, FOR A SWINGIN' SINGLE-PAGE SUMMARY OF BEETIE'S ORIGIN--


"SLYLY, SECRETLY, I WORKED ON A NEW TYPE OF TESTING DEVICE THAT EVALUATED THE TENSILE STRENGTH OF METALS AND CERAMICS--!"
I'VE DONE IT! THIS NEW METAL ALLOY WILL BE PERFECT FOR THE TYPE OF WINGS I'M AFTER!
HAH! ALL THESE MONTHS, AND NOBODY'S SUSPECTED WHAT I'VE BEEN UP TO!
AND NOW-- IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP ME!
"I CONDUCTED THE MOST EXHAUSTIVE TESTS POSSIBLE, TILL I WAS SATISFIED THAT--"
NEITHER COLD, NOR HEAT, NOR ANYTHING CAN DAMAGE THESE WINGS!!
WITH THEM ON MY SHOULDERS, I'LL BE UNBEATABLE!
"THEN, TO COMPLEMENT MY BEETLE WINGS, I DEVISED A FORM OF METAL, HYDRAULIC-POWERED FINGERS-- TIPPED WITH HEAVY-DUTY SUCTION-FEELERS!
THAT DOES IT! NOW I'M READY FOR ANYTHING!!
"THUS, I BURST FORTH UPON THE WORLD--NO LONGER A DRAB, COLORLESS FIGURE, BUT--GARBED IN MY HIGHLY-SOPHISTICATED METAL HELMET, WITH ITS BUILT-IN CONTROL DEVICES--I WAS THE BRIGHT-COLORED, FLYING BEETLE-- MASTER OF CRIME!"
"TRUE, I LOST A BATTLE OR TWO IN THE BEGINNING-- BUT I WAS YOUNGER, LESS EXPERIENCED! NOW, AT THE HEIGHT OF MY POWER-- NO ONE CAN DEFY ME! THE BEETLE IS SUPREME!"


AS THIS STORY CONCLUDED, THE BEETLE LAPSES INTO A STONY SILENCE, AS HE MULLS OVER HIS PLANS FOR THE COMING DAY! MEANWHILE, THE THUNDERING VAN CONTINUES TO ROAR ALONG THE LONELY HIGHWAY --DEVOURING THE DWINDLING MILES WITH EACH PASSING MINUTE--
AND, ALL THE WHILE, DAREDEVIL SLEEPS-- AS THE STRENGTH AND STAMINA FLOW BACK INTO HIS LITHE-MUSCLED FRAME--
UNTIL, AT LAST--


EVERYBODY UP! WE'RE NEARLY THERE!
SLIP INTO THE IDENTITY-CONCEALING MASKS WHICH I'VE PROVIDED FOR EACH OF YOU!
MAN! THIS IS ONE CAPER I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO!
THE WHOLE BLAMED UNDERWORLD WILL APPLAUD US WHEN WE RIP THAT RED HOOD OFF DAREDEVIL'S HEAD!
THEY'LL PROBABLY EVEN MAKE A MOVIE ABOUT THIS SOME DAY!

THAT REST WAS JUST WHAT I NEEDED! I FEEL LIKE THE OL' DAREDEVIL AGAIN!
BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO LET MY PRANCIN' PLAY-MATES KNOW ABOUT IT YET!

IT'S LUCKY I TENSED MY MUSCLES BEFORE!
NOW, WHEN I RELAX THEM, THERE'S ENOUGH SLACK TO MAKE IT EASY FOR ME TO WORK THE ROPES LOOSE!

BUT I WON'T WRIGGLE OUT OF THEM YET! NOT TILL THE RIGHT TIME ARRIVES!
LOOK SHARP BACK THERE, BOSS!
WE'RE COMIN' TO THE MAIN GATE!

IT'S LUCKY IT'S SO LATE! THE WHOLE PLACE IS EMPTY!
THE CROWDS WON'T BE SHOWIN' UP TILL MORNING!
ONCE WE GET INSIDE, PICK ANY BUILDING THAT WILL SUIT OUR PURPOSES!
EXP
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
NO DELIVERIES ARE MADE AT THIS HOUR WITHOUT A SPECIAL PERMIT!
THAT'S OKAY! WE'VE GOT A PERMIT!
THEN LET ME SEE IT!
SURE! TAKE A GOOD LOOK--!
YOU DON'T SEE SLEEPING GAS LIKE THIS EVERY DAY!
SHOOH
OKAY, THAT DOES IT!
NOW MOVE-- THIS JOINT'S GONNA BE CRAWLIN' WITH MOUNTIES BEFORE YA KNOW IT!
AND WE GOTTA BE OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE THEY GET HERE!
FLAWG!
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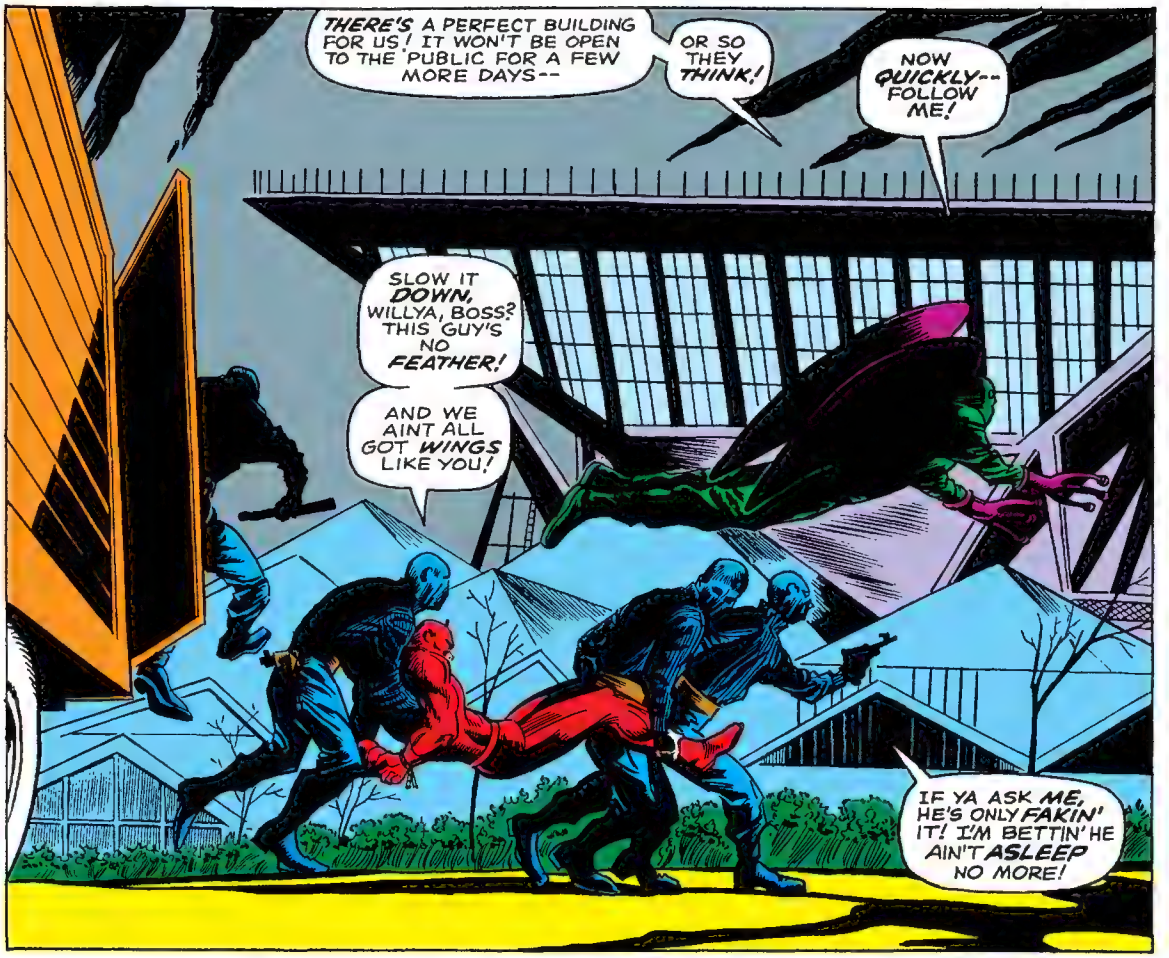
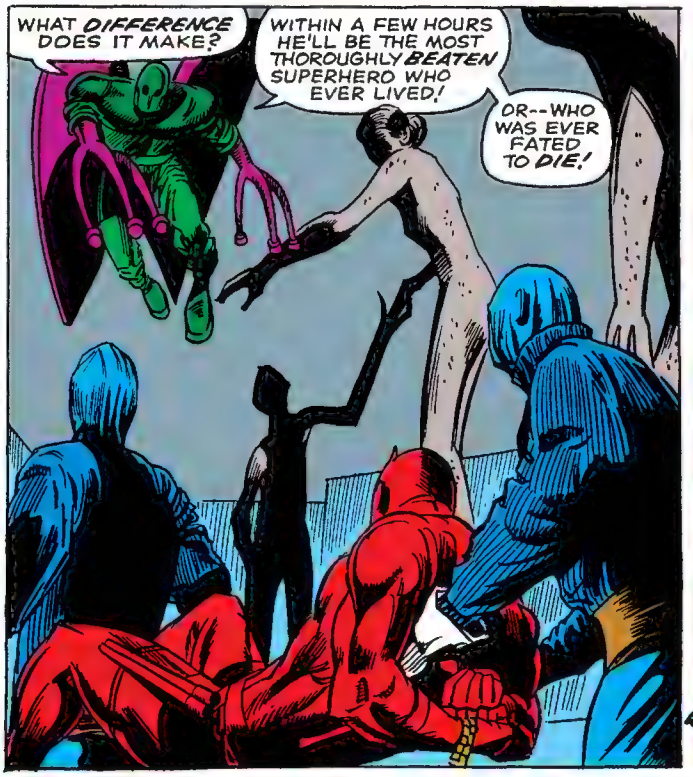

THERE'S A PERFECT BUILDING FOR US! IT WON'T BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR A FEW MORE DAYS--
OR SO THEY THINK!
NOW QUICKLY-- FOLLOW ME!
SLOW IT DOWN, WILLYA, BOSS? THIS GUY'S NO FEATHER!
AND WE AINT ALL GOT WINGS LIKE YOU!
IF YA ASK ME, HE'S ONLY FAKIN' IT! I'M BETTIN' HE AIN'T ASLEEP NO MORE!


WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?
WITHIN A FEW HOURS HE'LL BE THE MOST THOROUGHLY BEATEN SUPERHERO WHO EVER LIVED!
OR--WHO WAS EVER FATED TO DIE!

NOW, PUT HIM DOWN, FOR DAREDEVIL, THIS WILL BE THE LAST STOP!
AND HE SOUNDS AS THOUGH HE MEANS IT!
TH UD!

MINUTES LATER--
DON'T WORRY, BOSS! WE'LL HAVE IT FINISHED 'WAY BEFORE THE GATES OPEN TOMORROW MORNING!
THE GREATEST EXHIBIT OF ALL— SEE DAREDEVIL UNMASKED BY
MY BONDS ARE JUST THE WAY I WANT THEM NOW!
IT WAS REAL NICE OF THEM TO CARRY ME AROUND THAT WAY! THE REST WAS JUST WHAT I NEEDED!
THE ONLY PROBLEM LEFT IS PICKING JUST THE RIGHT INSTANT TO GO INTO ACTION!
BUT WHAT OF KAREN AND FOGGY, WHOM WE HAD LAST SEEN ON THE TRAIN, EN ROUTE TO MONTREAL--?
I HOPE THAT CLOWN BROTHER OF MATT'S STAYS AWAY TILL WE'RE READY TO RETURN HOME!
BUT AREN'T YOU EVEN WORRIED ABOUT--FOGGY!! LOOK!!
CAN'T WE EVER GET AWAY FROM THAT CONCEITED CORNBALL??!
HEY--WAIT! THAT SIGN READS AS THOUGH THE BEETLE'S CAPTURED HIM!
OH NO! IT CAN'T BE! IT JUST CAN'T!
SEE THE GREATES EXHIBIT OF ALL— EE DAREDEVI UNMASKED B E BEET
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WE'D BETTER GET OVER THERE, LITTLE LADY-- BUT FAST!
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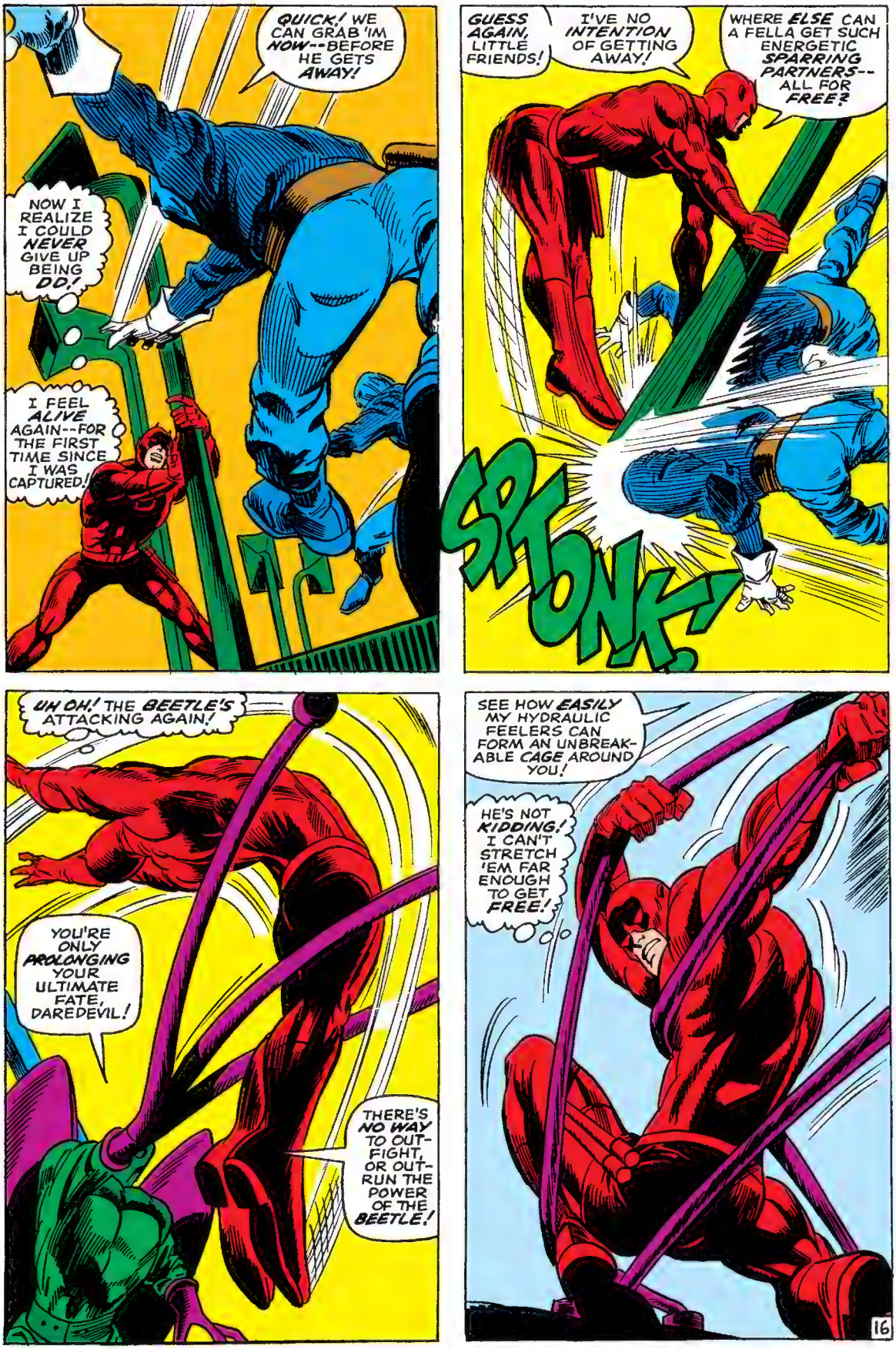
AND, ONCE INSIDE, THE STARTLED COUPLE SEE--
IT'S HIM--WITH THE BEETLE,! HE LOOKS LIKE--A PRISONER!
BUT, THE CROWDS--THE CAMERAMEN--HOW DOES THE BEETLE EXPECT TO GET AWAY WITH IT??
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN --GIVE ME YOUR ATTENTION--
YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS A SIGHT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET,!
THE BEETLE'S COSTUME--AND DAREDEVIL'S--
AND THOSE MEN--WITH GUNS--!
IT ALMOST LOOKS REAL!
FOGGY! NOBODY'S DOING ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY THINK IT'S JUST A SHOW--SOME SORT OF PAGEANT!
WHAT CAN ANYONE DO ANYWAY--AGAINST ALL THE GUNS THEY'RE CARRYING?!!
BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES--I, THE BEETLE, SHALL UNMASK MY HELPLESS VICTIM--THE TOTALLY-DEFEATED DAREDEVIL!!
THOUGH MANY HAVE ATTEMPTED THIS FEAT--NONE BUT THE BEETLE HAS EVER SUCCEEDED!
HIS HYDRAULIC FEELERS ARE REACHING TOWARDS MY FACE! LOOKS LIKE THIS IS IT!
THE CROWD OUT FRONT IS GONNA GET A BETTER SHOW THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR!

WOK!!
I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, BEETIE!! YOU FORGOT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING--!
A GOOD SHOWMAN NEVER STARTS OFF WITH HIS MAIN ATTRACTION! LET'S GIVE THE FOLKS A LITTLE WARM-UP FIRST!
AFTER ALL, IF YOU'VE DECIDED TO TRY YOUR HAND AT SHOW BIZ, I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO BE AS BIG A FLOP AS YOU ARE AT CRIME!
HE GOT HIS HANDS FREE!! DON'T LET HIM-- UNNHHH!!
KK!
DON'T WORRY, BOSS! HE AIN'T GOT A CHANCE!

MAN! THEY LOOK AS IF THEY REALLY MEAN IT!
AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE HOW DD's LITTLE DONNEYBROOK LOOKS THRU THE CAMERAMAN'S LENS, BE OUR GUEST--
HOW'D THEY EVER FIND AN ACTOR AS ATHLETIC AS THE REAL DAREDEVIL??
THOSE OTHER ONES ARE NO SLOUCHES, EITHER!!
THEY LOOK AS IF THEY'RE PLAYING FOR KEEPS!!
PHTOP!
C'MON, FELLAS-- LET'S PUT SOME OF THE OL' MOXIE IN IT, HUH?
AFTER ALL, WE DON'T WANNA DISAPPOINT THE CASH CUSTOMERS, DO WE?
YK!


QUICK! WE CAN GRAB 'IM NOW--BEFORE HE GETS AWAY!
NOW I REALIZE I COULD NEVER GIVE UP BEING DO!
I FEEL ALIVE AGAIN--FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I WAS CAPTURED!
GUESS AGAIN, LITTLE FRIENDS!
I'VE NO INTENTION OF GETTING AWAY!
WHERE ELSE CAN A FELLA GET SUCH ENERGETIC SPARRING PARTNERS--ALL FOR FREE?
SPTONK
UH OH! THE BEETLE'S ATTACKING AGAIN!
YOU'RE ONLY PROLONGING YOUR ULTIMATE FATE, DAREDEVIL!
THERE'S NO WAY TO OUT-FIGHT, OR OUT-RUN THE POWER OF THE BEETLE!
SEE HOW EASILY MY HYDRAULIC FEELERS CAN FORM AN UNBREAK-ABLE CAGE AROUND YOU!
HE'S NOT KIDDING! I CAN'T STRETCH 'EM FAR ENOUGH TO GET FREE!
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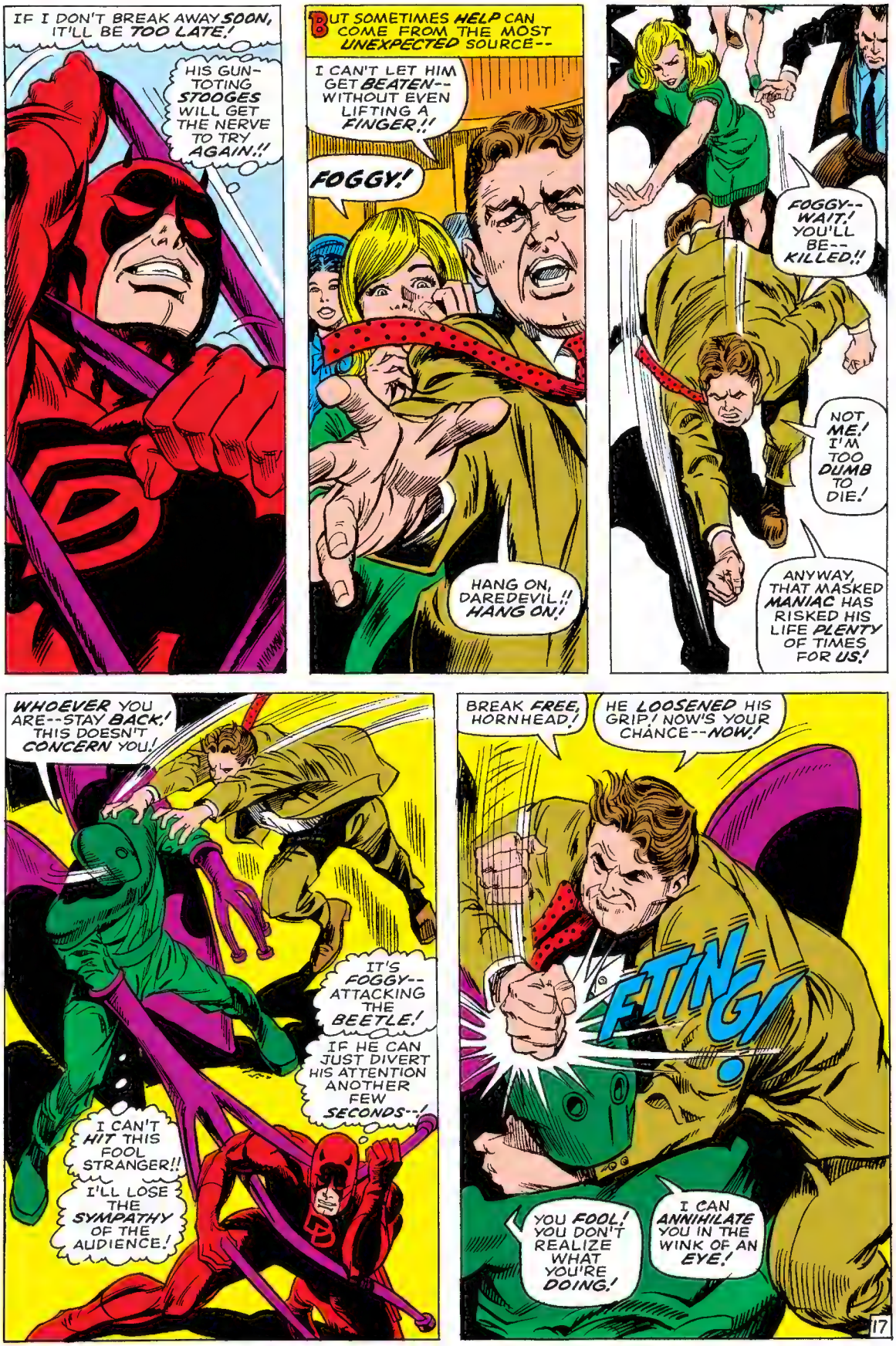
IF I DON'T BREAK AWAY SOON, IT'LL BE TOO LATE!
HIS GUN-TOTING STOOGES WILL GET THE NERVE TO TRY AGAIN!!
BUT SOMETIMES HELP CAN COME FROM THE MOST UNEXPECTED SOURCE--
I CAN'T LET HIM GET BEATEN-- WITHOUT EVEN LIFTING A FINGER!!
FOGGY!
HANG ON, DAREDEVIL!! HANG ON!
FOGGY-- WAIT! YOU'LL BE-- KILLED!!
NOT ME! I'M TOO DUMB TO DIE!
ANYWAY, THAT MASKED MANIAC HAS RISKED HIS LIFE PLENTY OF TIMES FOR US!
WHOEVER YOU ARE--STAY BACK! THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU!
IT'S FOGGY-- ATTACKING THE BEETLE!
IF HE CAN JUST DIVERT HIS ATTENTION ANOTHER FEW SECONDS--!
I CAN'T HIT THIS FOOL STRANGER!!
I'LL LOSE THE SYMPATHY OF THE AUDIENCE!
BREAK FREE, HORNHEAD!
HE LOOSENED HIS GRIP! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE--NOW!
FTING!
YOU FOOL! YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
I CAN ANNIHILATE YOU IN THE WINK OF AN EYE!

NOT WITH DAREDEVIL FREE, YOU WON'T!
HE DID IT!
GOOD OL' FOGGY ACTUALLY MADE HIM RELEASE HIS GRIP!
BUT I'VE GOT TO STEP IN FAST!
FOGGY WON'T LAST A MINUTE ALONE AGAINST THE BEETLE!
YOU OVERSTUFFED BUMBLER! YOU'VE JUST SIGNED YOUR DEATH WARRANT!
SORRY, WOBBLE-WINGS--YOU CAN'T HOLD HIM TO IT--!
HE HAD HIS FINGERS CROSSED!
I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP, FOGGY--BUT GET OUT--FAST--WHILE YOU CAN!
HOWEVER, BEFORE EITHER MAN CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE, EVERYTHING SEEMS TO HAPPEN AT ONCE--!
TOO LATE! THEY'RE ALL ATTACKING EN MASSE!
THUMP
YOK
BUT THE ADVANTAGE IS STILL MINE!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHOSE SUPER-SENSES CAN TELL HIM WHICH WAY TO LASH OUT!
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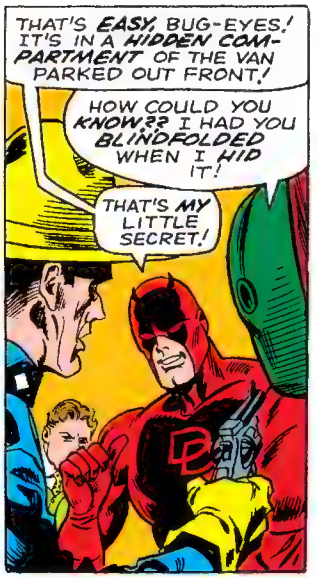
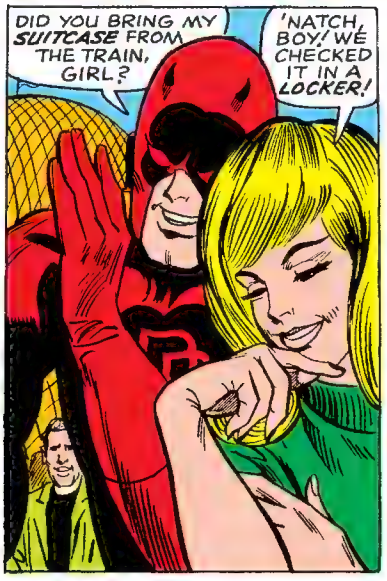
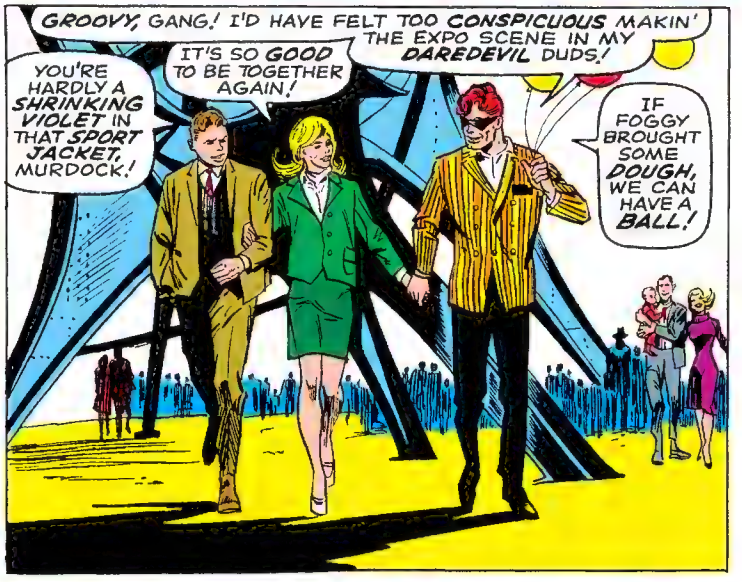
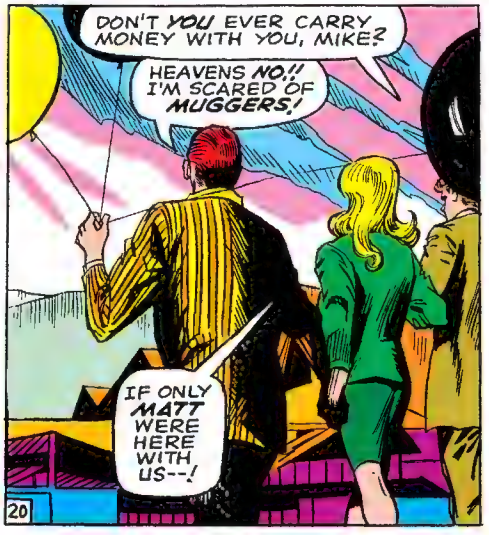
ZOP!
LET'S LOOK ALIVE THERE, TROOPS--!
IT'S THE END OF THE LINE!
GIVE UP DAREDEVIL--!
--OR I DASH HIM TO THE GROUND!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MASKED MAN--!
I'M ROUND ENOUGH TO BOUNCE!
ONLY MY BILLY CLUB CAN FIX THINGS NOW!
FLANG!
KNOW SOMETHING, MR. NELSON?
IF THIS SORT OF THING KEEPS UP--
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO JOIN OUR UNION!
YOU-- YOU CAUGHT ME!!
SURE I DID, SON!
I COULDN'T LET YOU BUST UP A BRAND NEW FLOOR!
AND NOW-- IT'S TIME TO BRING THE HIGH-FLYING BEETLE BACK DOWN TO EARTH--!
THWAK!
DON'T GO 'WAY, TIGER--
THE PARTY'S JUST BEGINNING!

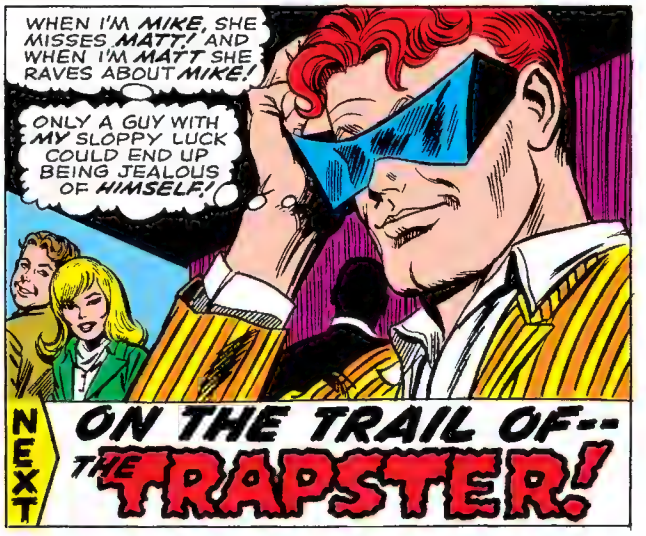
THIS IS ONE TIME YOU'RE WRONG, DAREDEVIL!
FOR HIM-- THE PARTY'S OVER!
WE LEARNED ABOUT HIS THEFT OF THE REGINA NECKLACE ON THE TRAIN--AND GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!
SO WHAT? YOU'LL FIND NO EVIDENCE!
YOU CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING UNTIL YOU LOCATE THE NECKLACE!


THAT'S EASY, BUG-EYES! IT'S IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT OF THE VAN PARKED OUT FRONT!
HOW COULD YOU KNOW?? I HAD YOU BLINDFOLDED WHEN I HID IT!
THAT'S MY LITTLE SECRET!


DID YOU BRING MY SUITCASE FROM THE TRAIN, GIRL?
'NATCH, BOY! WE CHECKED IT IN A LOCKER!


GROOVY, GANG! I'D HAVE FELT TOO CONSPICUOUS MAKIN' THE EXPO SCENE IN MY DAREDEVIL DUDS!
YOU'RE HARDLY A SHRINKING VIOLET IN THAT SPORT JACKET, MURDOCK!
IT'S SO GOOD TO BE TOGETHER AGAIN!
IF FOGGY BROUGHT SOME DOUGH, WE CAN HAVE A BALL!


DON'T YOU EVER CARRY MONEY WITH YOU, MIKE?
HEAVENS NO!! I'M SCARED OF MUGGERS!
IF ONLY MATT WERE HERE WITH US--!


WHEN I'M MIKE, SHE MISSES MATT! AND WHEN I'M MATT SHE RAVES ABOUT MIKE!
ONLY A GUY WITH MY SLOPPY LUCK COULD END UP BEING JEALOUS OF HIMSELF!
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ON THE TRAIL OF-- THE TRAPSTER!

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FEATURING-- THE TERRIBLE THREAT OF-- THE TRAPSTER!
--AND GUEST-STARRING--
--JUST TRY TO GUESS!
HE CAME HURTLING IN--THRU THE WINDOW!
AH! YOU RECOGNIZE ME! I AM, INDEED FLATTERED!
BUT HOW?? WE'RE 15 STORIES HIGH--
--WITH A SHEER CONCRETE WALL ALL THE WAY UP!
CRASH!
HANG IN THERE, ACTION-LOVERS!!
STAN (THE MAN) LEE and GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN
DID THIS ONE JUST FOR YOU!
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AND NOW LET'S MOVE--!!
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QUICK! THE PHONE! WE'VE GOT TO CALL THE POLICE!
I'LL GET IT! I'M CLOSER!
COME NOW! HOW NAIVE CAN YOU BE?
I CAN'T TAKE A HAND WITHOUT GIVING MY SECRET AWAY!
DO YOU THINK I'LL JUST STAND BY QUIETLY AND ALLOW YOU TO SUMMON HELP?? THE TRAPSTER IS ANYTHING BUT A FOOL!
LOOK OUT! HE'S GOT A GUN!
HOW VERY PERCEPTIVE OF YOU, MY FRIEND!
SPAT
BUT--IT'S FAR MORE THAN A CONVENTIONAL WEAPON--!
IT CAN PUT A VICTIM COMPLETELY OUT OF ACTION--
--WITHOUT CAUSING ANY PERMANENT HARM!
PASTE!! THE GUN SHOOTS PAS--
UNHHH!
I DON'T GET IT, TRAPSTER! WHY'D YOU BREAK IN HERE?
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US?
INFORMATION, MURDOCK! JUST CALL ME A CLIENT!
BUT WHY US? HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
EASY--I SIMPLY LOOKED YOU UP!
NOW JUST STAND THERE--AND LISTEN--!
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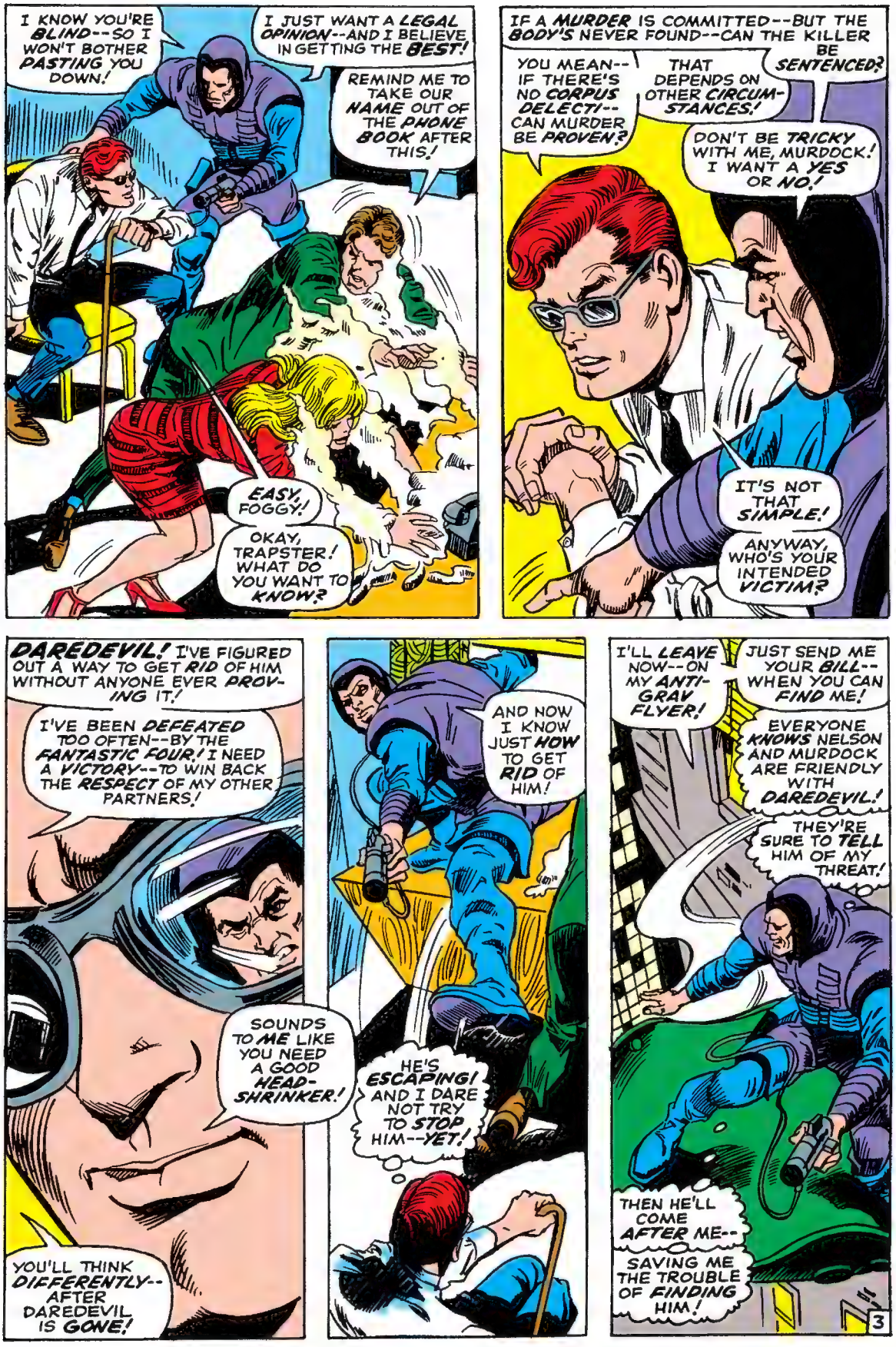
I KNOW YOU'RE BLIND--SO I WON'T BOTHER PASTING YOU DOWN!
I JUST WANT A LEGAL OPINION--AND I BELIEVE IN GETTING THE BEST!
REMIND ME TO TAKE OUR NAME OUT OF THE PHONE BOOK AFTER THIS!
EASY, FOGGY!
OKAY, TRAPSTER! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
IF A MURDER IS COMMITTED--BUT THE BODY'S NEVER FOUND--CAN THE KILLER BE SENTENCED?
YOU MEAN--IF THERE'S NO CORPUS DELECTI--CAN MURDER BE PROVEN?
THAT DEPENDS ON OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES!
DON'T BE TRICKY WITH ME, MURDOCK! I WANT A YES OR NO!
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE!
ANYWAY, WHO'S YOUR INTENDED VICTIM?
DAREDEVIL! I'VE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO GET RID OF HIM WITHOUT ANYONE EVER PROVING IT!
I'VE BEEN DEFEATED TOO OFTEN--BY THE FANTASTIC FOUR! I NEED A VICTORY--TO WIN BACK THE RESPECT OF MY OTHER PARTNERS!
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU NEED A GOOD HEAD-SHRINKER!
YOU'LL THINK DIFFERENTLY--AFTER DAREDEVIL IS GONE!
AND NOW I KNOW JUST HOW TO GET RID OF HIM!
HE'S ESCAPING! AND I DARE NOT TRY TO STOP HIM--YET!
I'LL LEAVE NOW--ON MY ANTI-GRAV FLYER!
JUST SEND ME YOUR BILL--WHEN YOU CAN FIND ME!
EVERYONE KNOWS NELSON AND MURDOCK ARE FRIENDLY WITH DAREDEVIL!
THEY'RE SURE TO TELL HIM OF MY THREAT!
THEN HE'LL COME AFTER ME--
SAVING ME THE TROUBLE OF FINDING HIM!
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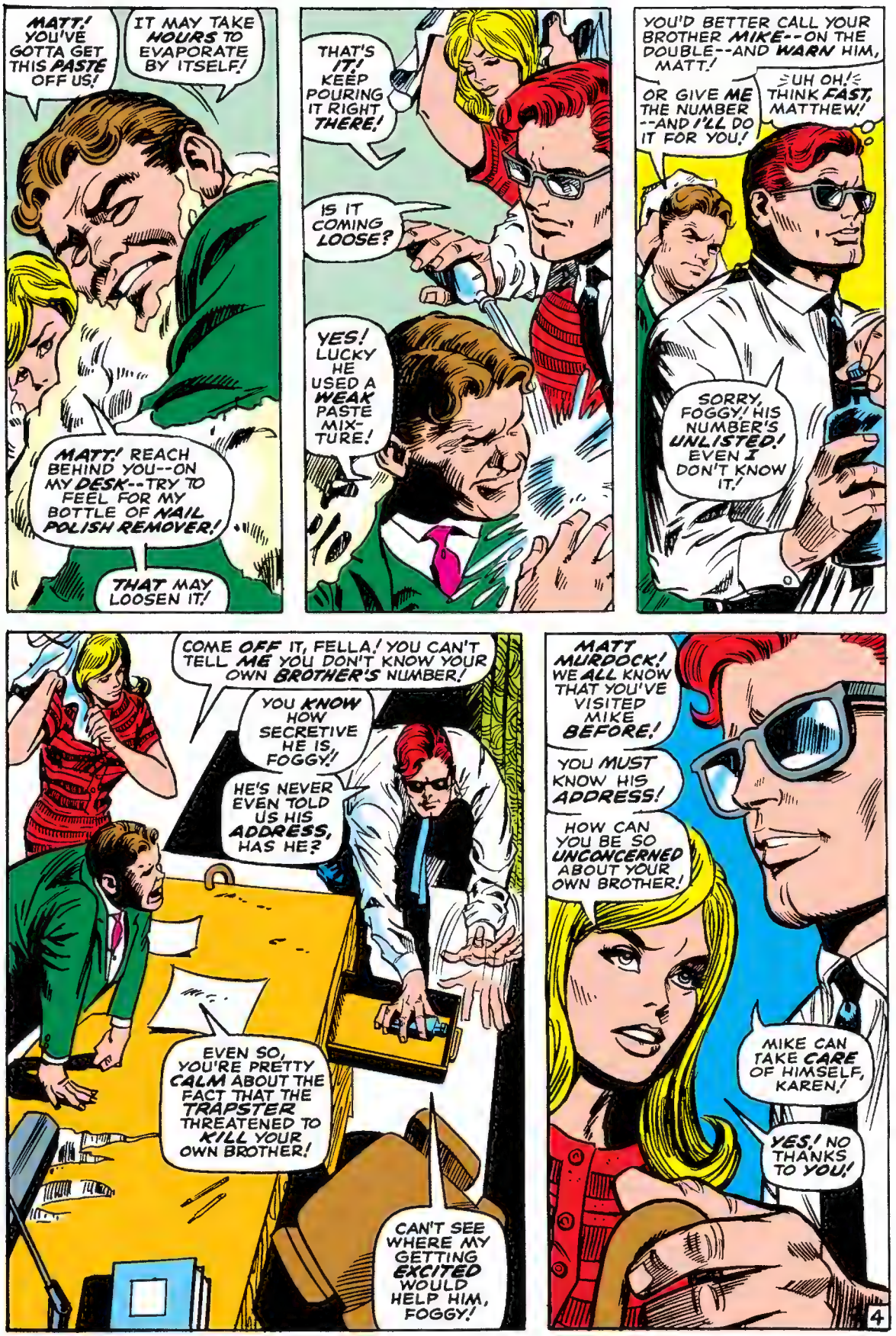
MATT! YOU'VE GOTTA GET THIS PASTE OFF US!
IT MAY TAKE HOURS TO EVAPORATE BY ITSELF!
MATT! REACH BEHIND YOU--ON MY DESK--TRY TO FEEL FOR MY BOTTLE OF NAIL POLISH REMOVER!
THAT MAY LOOSEN IT!
THAT'S IT! KEEP POURING IT RIGHT THERE!
IS IT COMING LOOSE?
YES! LUCKY HE USED A WEAK PASTE MIX-TURE!
YOU'D BETTER CALL YOUR BROTHER MIKE--ON THE DOUBLE--AND WARN HIM, MATT!
OR GIVE ME THE NUMBER --AND I'LL DO IT FOR YOU!
UH OH! THINK FAST, MATTHEW!
SORRY, FOGGY! HIS NUMBER'S UNLISTED! EVEN I DON'T KNOW IT!
COME OFF IT, FELLA! YOU CAN'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR OWN BROTHER'S NUMBER!
YOU KNOW HOW SECRETIVE HE IS, FOGGY!
HE'S NEVER EVEN TOLD US HIS ADDRESS, HAS HE?
EVEN SO, YOU'RE PRETTY CALM ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE TRAPSTER THREATENED TO KILL YOUR OWN BROTHER!
CAN'T SEE WHERE MY GETTING EXCITED WOULD HELP HIM, FOGGY!
MATT MURDOCK! WE ALL KNOW THAT YOU'VE VISITED MIKE BEFORE!
YOU MUST KNOW HIS ADDRESS!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO UNCONCERNED ABOUT YOUR OWN BROTHER!
MIKE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF, KAREN!
YES! NO THANKS TO YOU!
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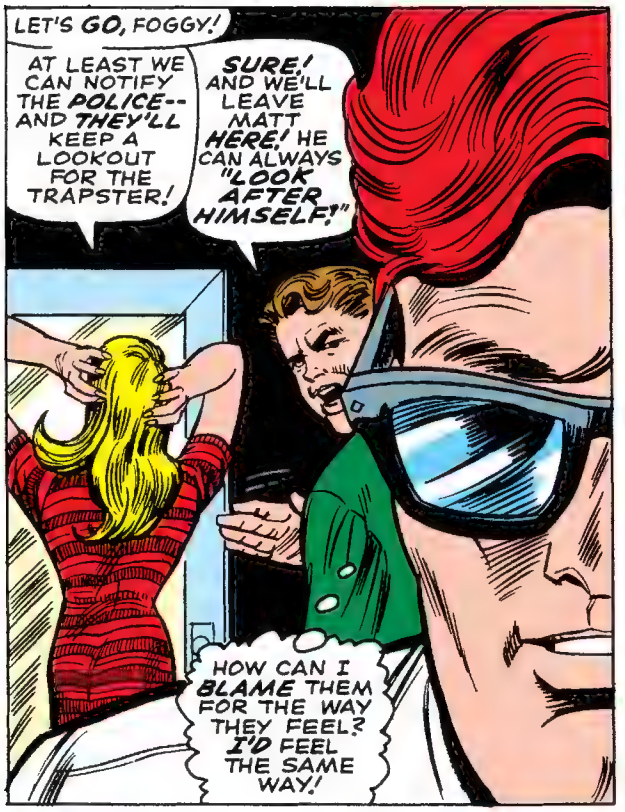
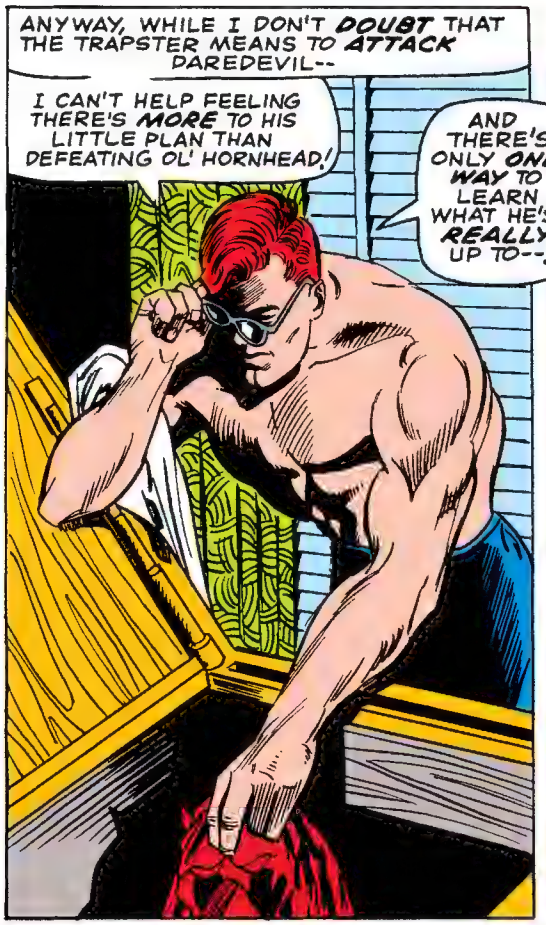
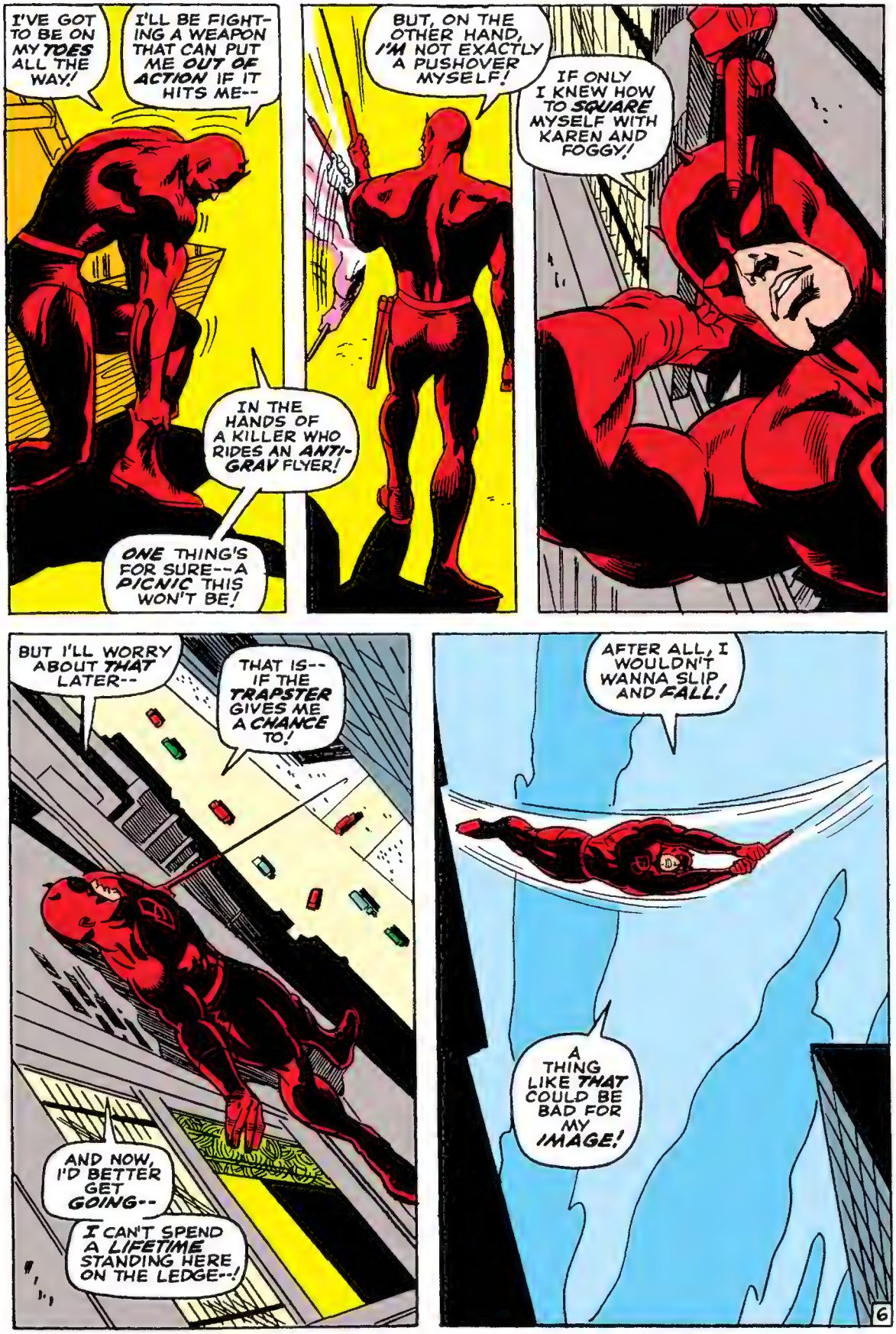
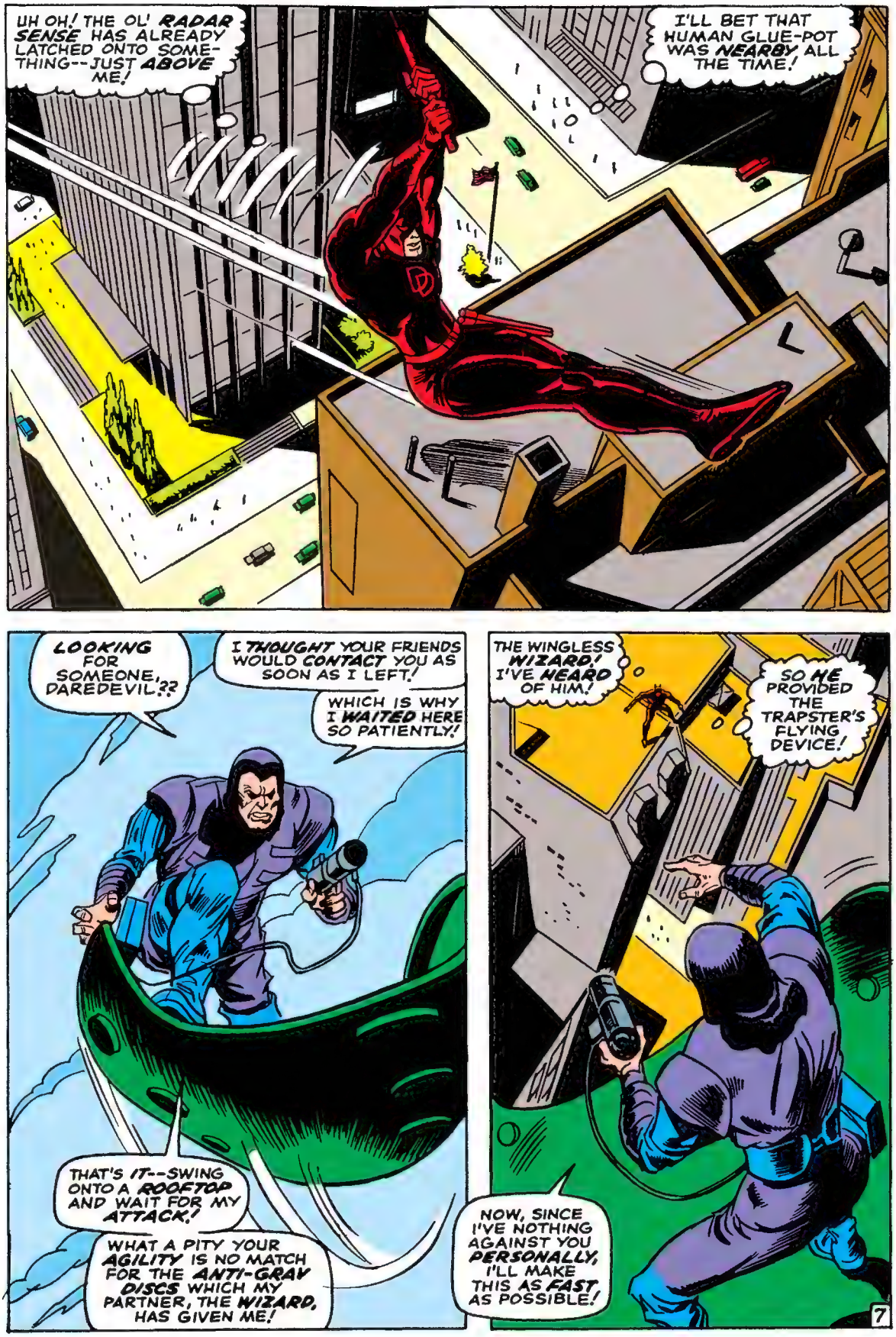

LET'S GO, FOGGY!
AT LEAST WE CAN NOTIFY THE POLICE-- AND THEY'LL KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR THE TRAPSTER!
SURE! AND WE'LL LEAVE MATT HERE! HE CAN ALWAYS "LOOK AFTER HIMSELF!"
HOW CAN I BLAME THEM FOR THE WAY THEY FEEL? I'D FEEL THE SAME WAY!

I'M AFRAID I OUT-SMARTED MYSELF WHEN I TOOK ON A THIRD IDENTITY--THAT OF MY OWN "TWIN BROTHER", MIKE!
I NEVER DREAMED IT WOULD LEAD TO SUCH EMBARRASSING COMPLICATIONS!
NOW, MY PARTNER AND BEST FRIEND THINKS I'M A COWARD--
--AND THE GIRL I LOVE HAS LOST ALL RESPECT FOR ME!
IT'S LUCKY I CAN MAKE IT AS A SUPER-SWINGER--
'CAUSE AS A DIPLOMAT-- I'M ONE BIG WASHOUT!
SLAM!


ANYWAY, WHILE I DON'T DOUBT THAT THE TRAPSTER MEANS TO ATTACK DAREDEVIL--
I CAN'T HELP FEELING THERE'S MORE TO HIS LITTLE PLAN THAN DEFEATING OL' HORNHEAD!
AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO LEARN WHAT HE'S REALLY UP TO--!

IF THE SO-CALLED TRAPSTER IS OUT THERE SEARCHING FOR DAREDEVIL--
I'M GONNA MAKE SURE THAT THE FEARLESS ONE IS MIGHTY EASY TO FIND!


I'VE GOT TO BE ON MY TOES ALL THE WAY!
I'LL BE FIGHTING A WEAPON THAT CAN PUT ME OUT OF ACTION IF IT HITS ME--
IN THE HANDS OF A KILLER WHO RIDES AN ANTI-GRAV FLYER!
ONE THING'S FOR SURE--A PICNIC THIS WON'T BE!
BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, I'M NOT EXACTLY A PUSHOVER MYSELF!
IF ONLY I KNEW HOW TO SQUARE MYSELF WITH KAREN AND FOGGY!
BUT I'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER--
THAT IS-- IF THE TRAPSTER GIVES ME A CHANCE TO!
AND NOW, I'D BETTER GET GOING--
I CAN'T SPEND A LIFETIME STANDING HERE ON THE LEDGE--!
AFTER ALL, I WOULDN'T WANNA SLIP AND FALL!
A THING LIKE THAT COULD BE BAD FOR MY IMAGE!


UH OH! THE OL' RADAR SENSE HAS ALREADY LATCHED ONTO SOMETHING--JUST ABOVE ME!
I'LL BET THAT HUMAN GLUE-POT WAS NEARBY ALL THE TIME!
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE, DAREDEVIL??
I THOUGHT YOUR FRIENDS WOULD CONTACT YOU AS SOON AS I LEFT!
WHICH IS WHY I WAITED HERE SO PATIENTLY!
THAT'S IT--SWING ONTO A ROOFTOP AND WAIT FOR MY ATTACK!
WHAT A PITY YOUR AGILITY IS NO MATCH FOR THE ANTI-GRAV DISCS WHICH MY PARTNER, THE WIZARD, HAS GIVEN ME!
THE WINGLESS WIZARD! I'VE HEARD OF HIM!
SO HE PROVIDED THE TRAPSTER'S FLYING DEVICE!
NOW, SINCE I'VE NOTHING AGAINST YOU PERSONALLY, I'LL MAKE THIS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
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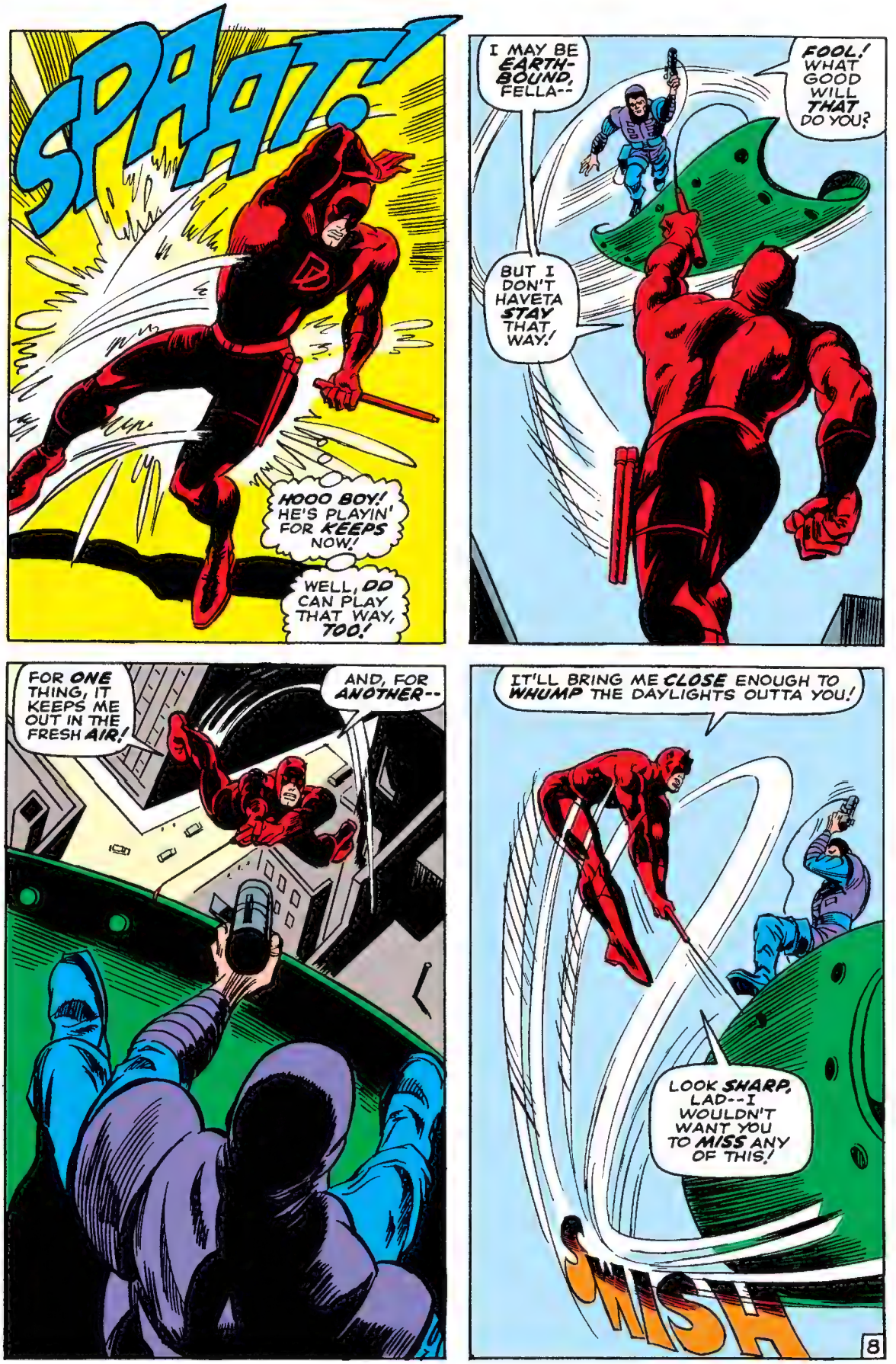
SPAT!
HOOO BOY! HE'S PLAYIN' FOR KEEPS NOW!
WELL, DD CAN PLAY THAT WAY, TOO!
I MAY BE EARTH-BOUND, FELLA--
FOOL! WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO YOU?
BUT I DON'T HAVETA STAY THAT WAY!
FOR ONE THING, IT KEEPS ME OUT IN THE FRESH AIR!
AND, FOR ANOTHER--
IT'LL BRING ME CLOSE ENOUGH TO WHUMP THE DAYLIGHTS OUTTA YOU!
LOOK SHARP, LAD--I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO MISS ANY OF THIS!
SNISH
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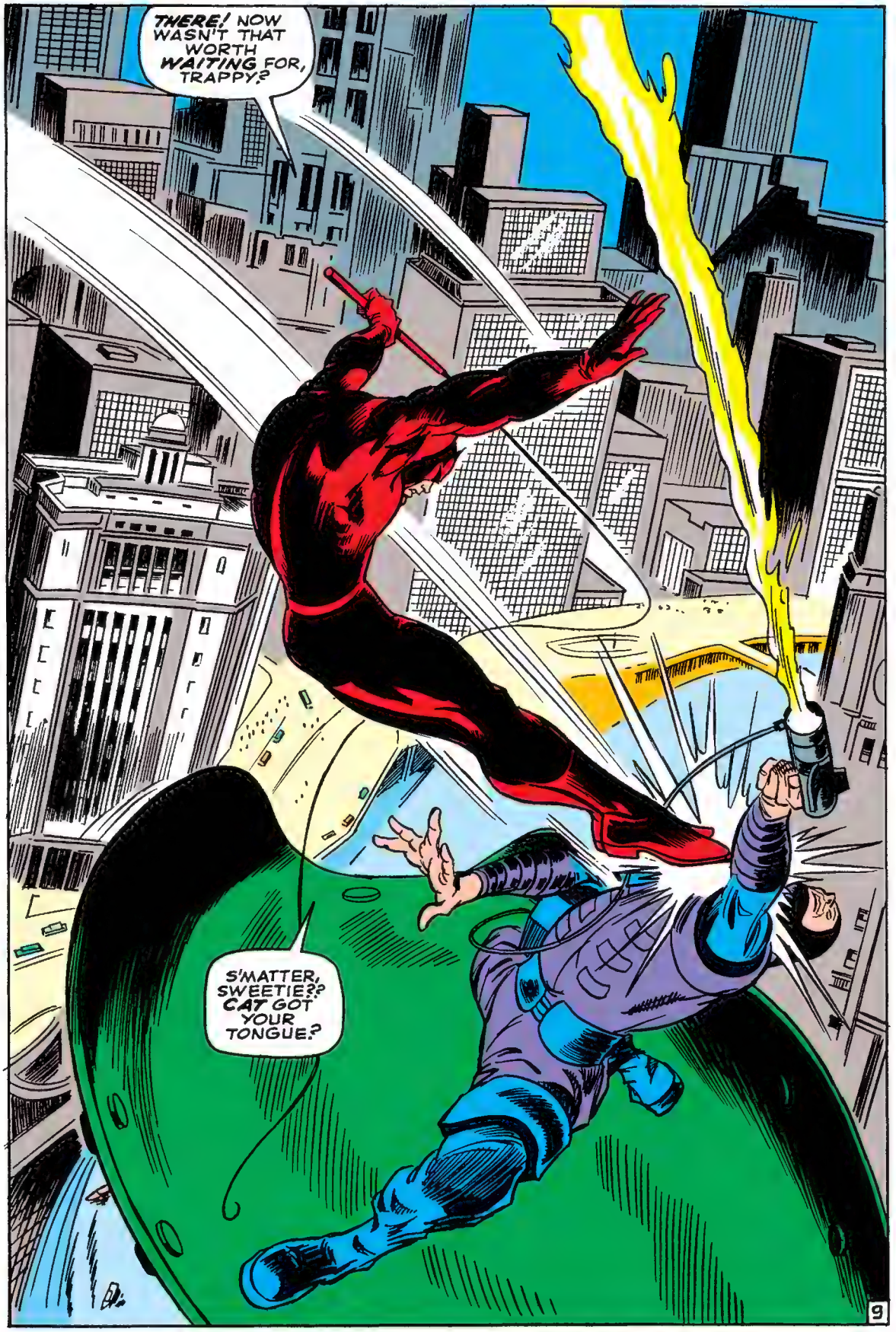
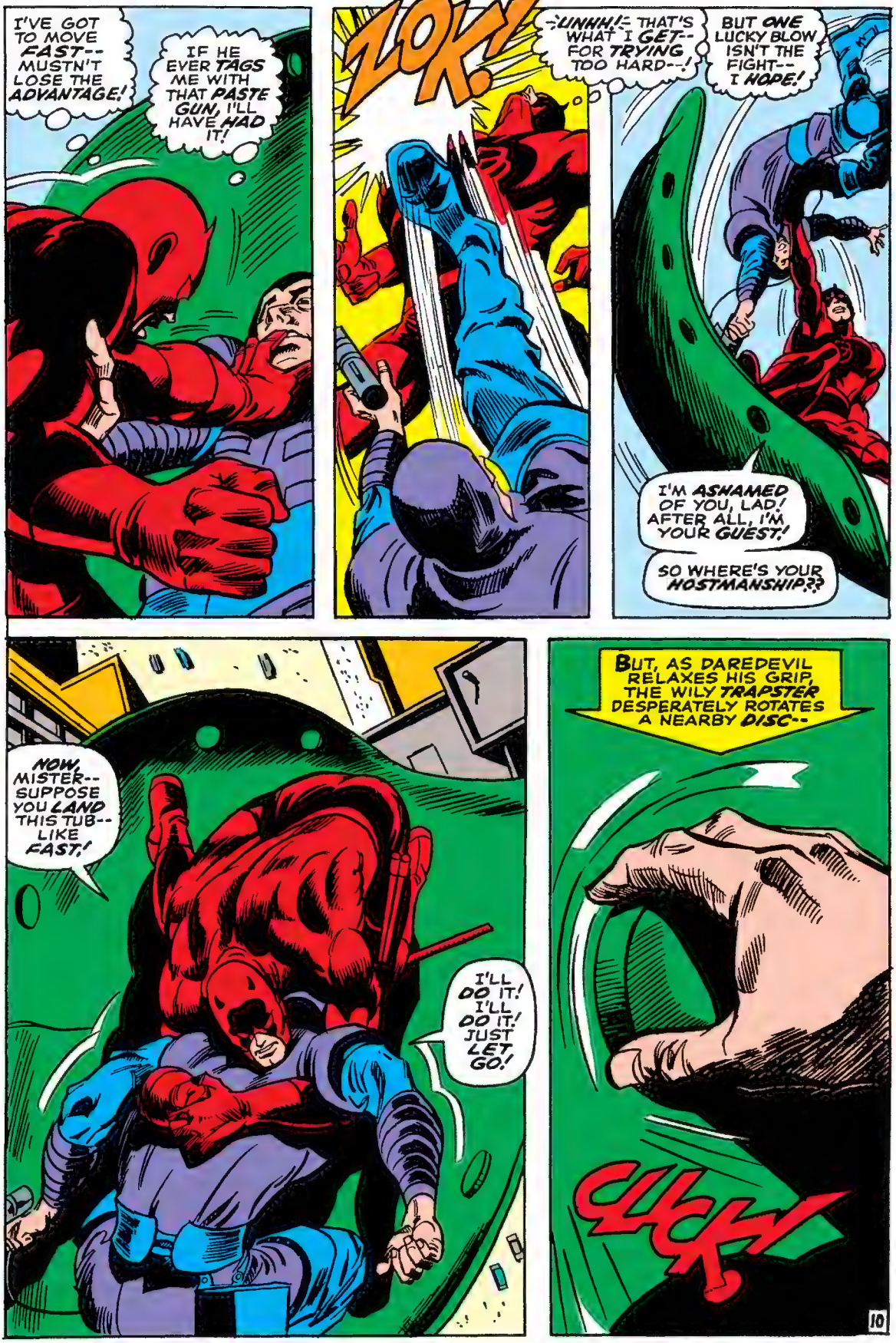
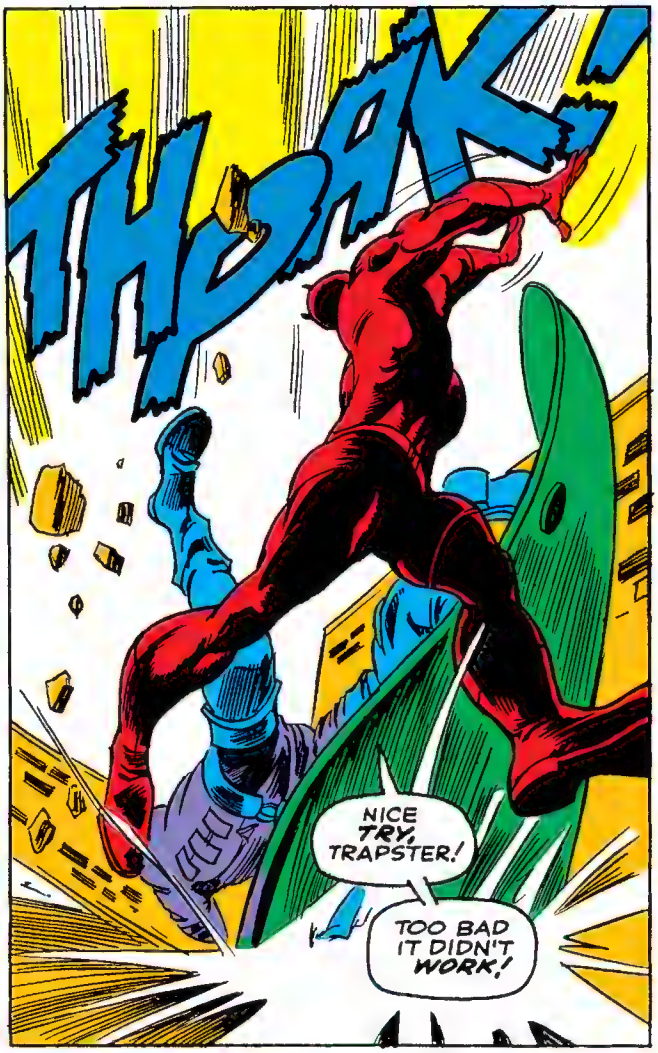

THERE! NOW WASN'T THAT WORTH WAITING FOR, TRAPPY?
S'MATTER, SWEETIE?? CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?


I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST-- MUSTN'T LOSE THE ADVANTAGE!
IF HE EVER TAGS ME WITH THAT PASTE GUN, I'LL HAVE HAD IT!
ZOK!
-UNHH!- THAT'S WHAT I GET-- FOR TRYING TOO HARD--!
BUT ONE LUCKY BLOW ISN'T THE FIGHT-- I HOPE!
I'M ASHAMED OF YOU, LAD! AFTER ALL, I'M YOUR GUEST!
SO WHERE'S YOUR HOSTMANSHIP??
NOW, MISTER-- SUPPOSE YOU LAND THIS TUB-- LIKE FAST!
I'LL DO IT! I'LL DO IT! JUST LET GO!
BUT, AS DAREDEVIL RELAXES HIS GRIP, THE WILY TRAPSTER DESPERATELY ROTATES A NEARBY DISC--
CLICK!

WITH THE MAIN ANTI-GRAV DISC THUS DISENGAGED, THE OTHER SUCH DEVICES ALSO BECOME LOOSENED, FALLING OFF, ONE BY ONE--THUS CAUSING THE SMALL FLYER TO SUDDENLY PLUMMET EARTHWARD--
HE MANAGED TO THROW THE SHIP OUT OF CONTROL--
TO FORCE ME TO RELEASE HIM!
HE'S ABLE TO GUIDE IT--TO DIRECT ITS DESCENT--
HE'S HOLDING ON--BUT HE EXPECTS ME TO FALL--!
HE ACHIEVED ONE OBJECTIVE! --I HAVE TO LET HIM GO--
IN ORDER TO BALANCE MYSELF--TO WITHSTAND THE IMPACT!


THWAK!
NICE TRY, TRAPSTER!
TOO BAD IT DIDN'T WORK!

THIS TIME YOU'RE WRONG, DAREDEVIL!
ALL I WANTED WAS A CHANCE TO GET YOU IN MY SIGHTS!
AND NOW--I'VE GOT YOU!

NOT WHILE I CAN STILL TOSS MY BILLY CLUB, YOU HAVEN'T!
SPAAT!
WHAT?!! YOU DARE MENTION THAT USELESS STICK TO SOMEONE WHO POSSESSES AN UNBEATABLE PASTE GUN!!
SO MUCH FOR YOUR BILLY CLUB!
AND NOW-- I'LL TRAP YOU WHERE YOU STAND!
NOT WHILE I CAN HANDSTAND MYSELF OUT OF THE WAY, YOU WON'T!
NOW--IF I CAN JUST FREE MY CLUB FROM THAT STICKY GOOK BEFORE HE CAN STRIKE AGAIN!!
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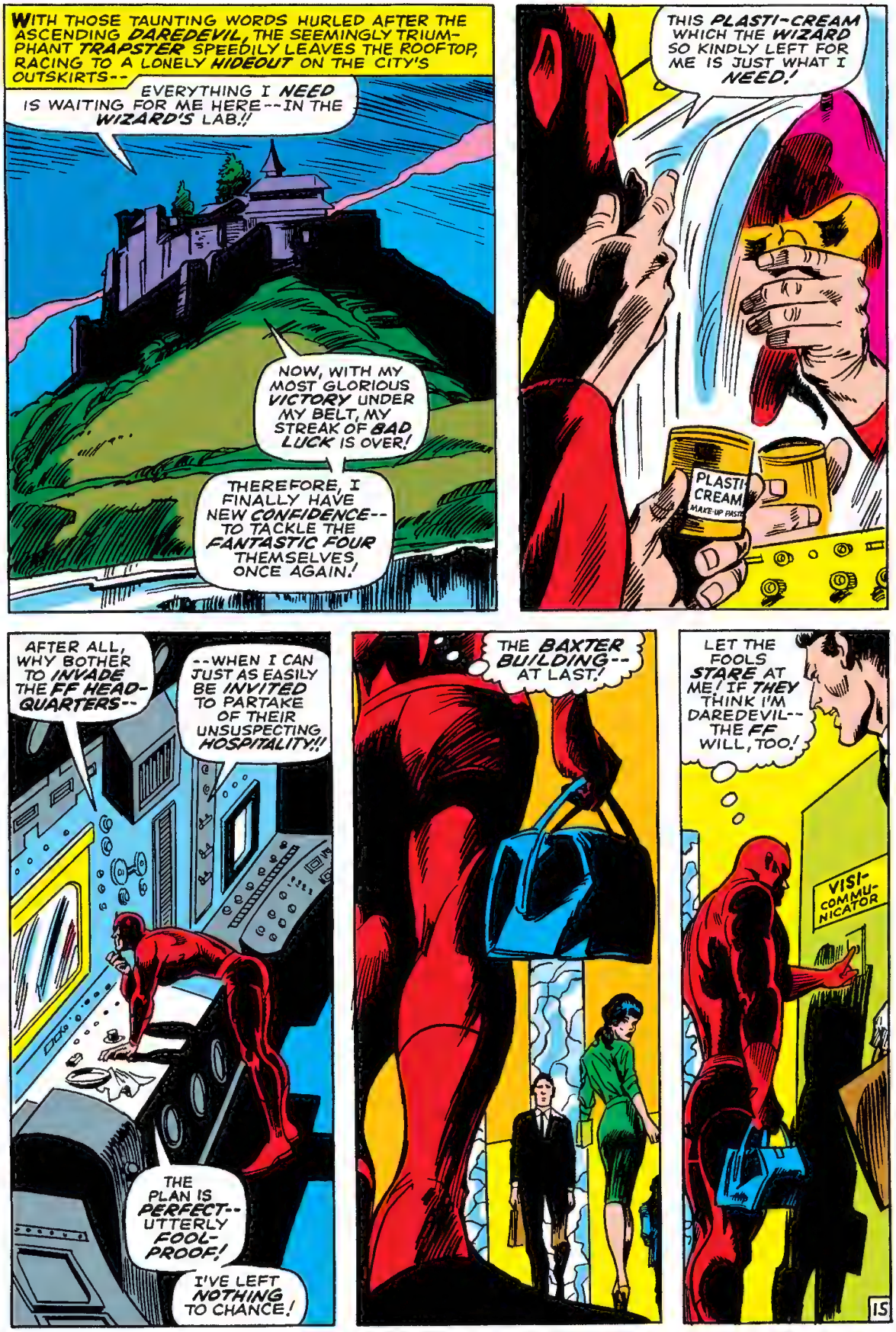
HE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME-- ABOUT TO SHOOT SOME MORE PASTE MY WAY!
NOW-- EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON MY SPEED--!
MY CLUB'S FREE-- SO HERE GOES--!
UNHHH!!
SORRY ABOUT THIS, STICKUMS!
FFT
AAT!
NOT AS SORRY AS YOU SOON WILL BE--!
AN ANTI-GRAV DISC!!
WHAT'S HE UP TO NOW?
HERE, BIG MAN--TRY THIS FOR SIZE!!
ZIT!
THANKS TO MY SPECIAL PASTE FORMULA--
THOSE DISCS WILL STICK TO ANYTHING!!
--ESPECIALLY TO AN OVER-CONFIDENT OAF LIKE YOU!
ZAT!
CAN'T-- REMOVE THEM-- FAST ENOUGH!!
THEY'RE BEGINNING TO--LIFT ME-- OFF THE GROUND--!!

AND NOW FAREWELL!!
YOU PUT UP A MOST VALIANT FIGHT--BUT AT LAST THE TRAPSTER HAS BECOME TOTALLY UNBEATABLE!
THE DISCS ARE ZOOMING ME SKYWARD! I'VE NO WAY TO CONTROL THEM!!
AT THE SPEED I'M GOING UP, I DAREN'T TAKE THEM OFF, EVEN IF I COULD--
--OR I'D FALL TO MY DEATH IN SECONDS!
THIS IS THE PERFECT CRIME I HAD PLANNED FOR YOU!
YOU'LL FLOAT HIGHER--AND HIGHER--NEVER TO BE SEEN--OR HEARD FROM--AGAIN!!
AND NOW, PHASE TWO OF MY PLAN WILL TAKE ME TO--THE BAXTER BUILDING!!


WITH THOSE TAUNTING WORDS HURLED AFTER THE ASCENDING DAREDEVIL, THE SEEMINGLY TRIUMPHANT TRAPSTER SPEEDILY LEAVES THE ROOFTOP, RACING TO A LONELY HIDEOUT ON THE CITY'S OUTSKIRTS--
EVERYTHING I NEED IS WAITING FOR ME HERE--IN THE WIZARD'S LAB!!
NOW, WITH MY MOST GLORIOUS VICTORY UNDER MY BELT, MY STREAK OF BAD LUCK IS OVER!
THEREFORE, I FINALLY HAVE NEW CONFIDENCE--TO TACKLE THE FANTASTIC FOUR THEMSELVES ONCE AGAIN!
THIS PLASTI-CREAM WHICH THE WIZARD SO KINDLY LEFT FOR ME IS JUST WHAT I NEED!
PLASTI-CREAM
MAKE-UP PASTE
AFTER ALL, WHY BOTHER TO INVADE THE FF HEADQUARTERS--
--WHEN I CAN JUST AS EASILY BE INVITED TO PARTAKE OF THEIR UNSUSPECTING HOSPITALITY!!
THE PLAN IS PERFECT--UTTERLY FOOL-PROOF!
I'VE LEFT NOTHING TO CHANCE!
THE BAXTER BUILDING--AT LAST!
LET THE FOOLS STARE AT ME! IF THEY THINK I'M DAREDEVIL--THE FF WILL, TOO!
VISI-COMMU-NICATOR
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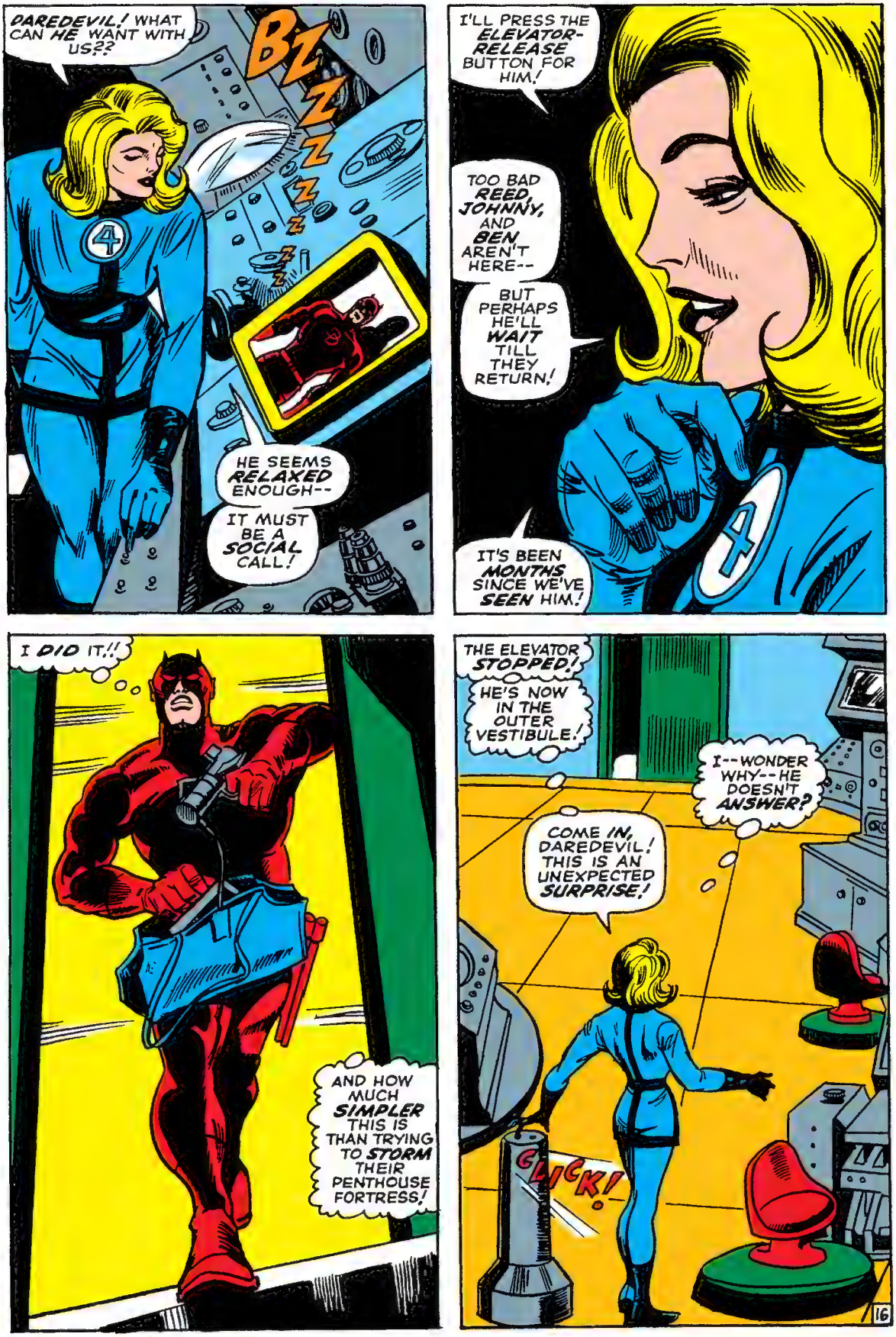
DAREDEVIL! WHAT CAN HE WANT WITH US??
BZZZZZZ
HE SEEMS RELAXED ENOUGH--
IT MUST BE A SOCIAL CALL!
I'LL PRESS THE ELEVATOR-RELEASE BUTTON FOR HIM!
TOO BAD REED, JOHNNY, AND BEN AREN'T HERE--
BUT PERHAPS HE'LL WAIT TILL THEY RETURN!
IT'S BEEN MONTHS SINCE WE'VE SEEN HIM!
I DID IT!!
AND HOW MUCH SIMPLER THIS IS THAN TRYING TO STORM THEIR PENTHOUSE FORTRESS!
THE ELEVATOR STOPPED!
HE'S NOW IN THE OUTER VESTIBULE!
I--WONDER WHY--HE DOESN'T ANSWER?
COME IN, DAREDEVIL! THIS IS AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE!
CLICK!
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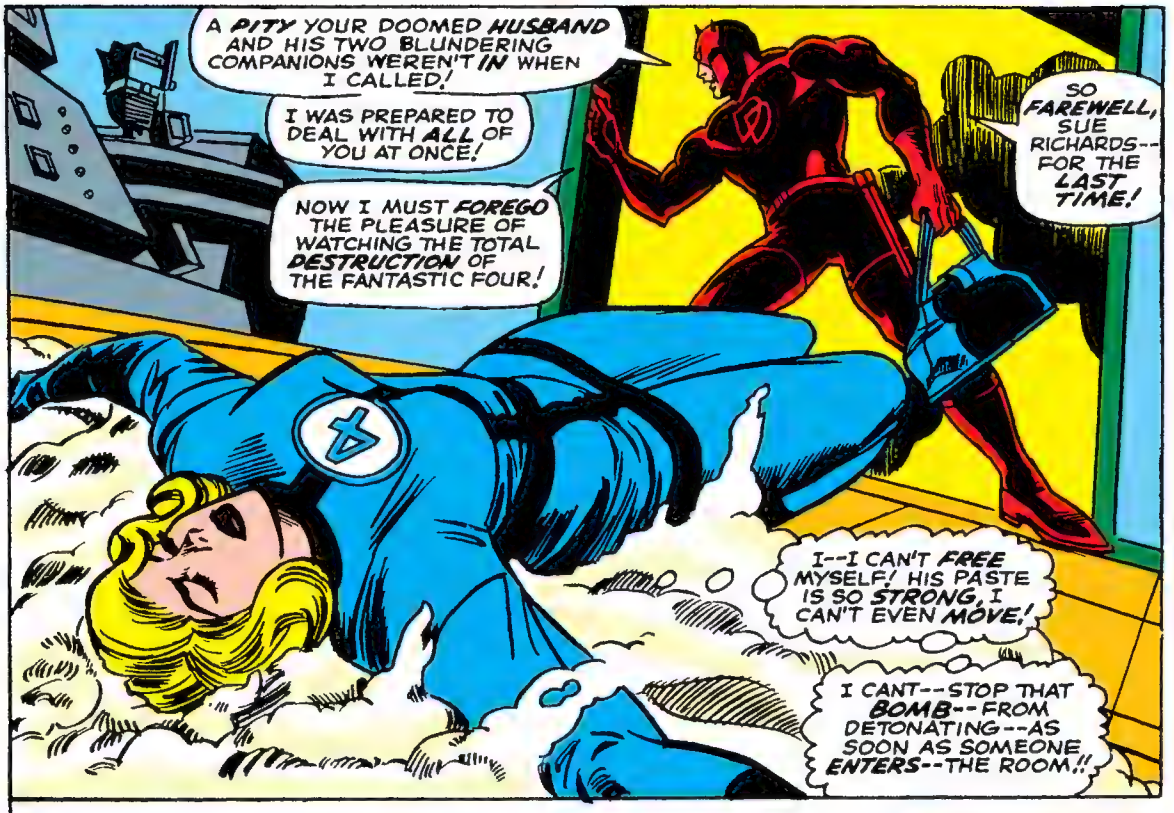
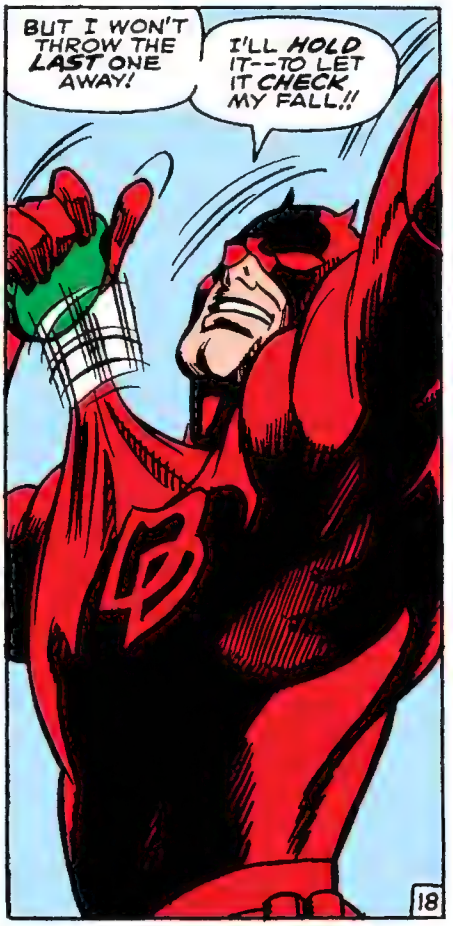
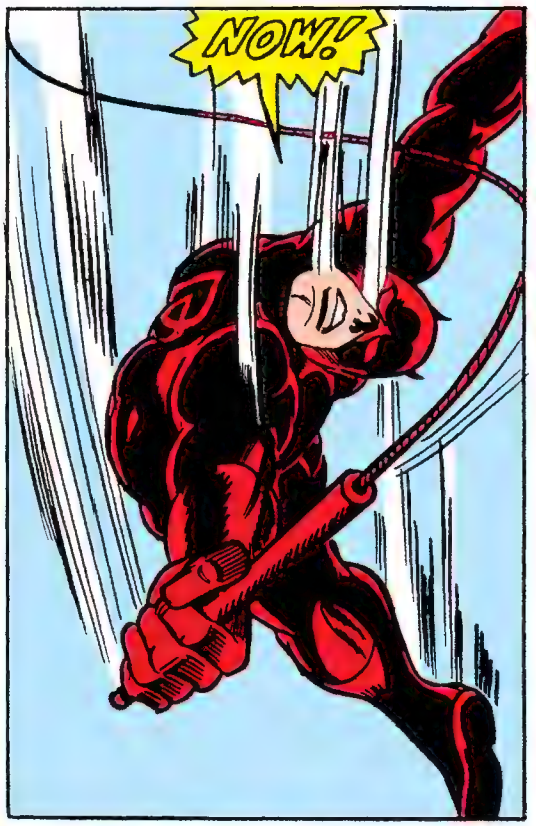
A SPLIT-SECOND LATER, SUE LEARNS THE ANSWER--
IT'LL BE FAR MORE OF A SURPRISE THAN YOU IMAGINED, YOU TRUSTING FOOL!!
A GUN-- POINTING AT ME!! I-- I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE--!!
IT'S THE TRAPSTER'S PASTE GUN!!
SPAT!
HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, MY DEAR!
THIS TIME I STRUCK BEFORE YOU COULD USE YOUR ACCURSED FORCE FIELD AGAINST ME!
YOUR VOICE!! I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED--!
YOU'RE NOT DAREDEVIL!!
YOU'RE THE TRAPSTER-- IN DISGUISE!
HOW CLEVER OF YOU! FOR GUESSING MY SECRET --YOU WIN THIS LITTLE PRIZE!
DON'T BE ALARMED --IT'S MERELY A LETHAL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE!
CLICK!
I'VE JUST TRIGGERED THE SAFETY!
IT WON'T BEGIN OPERATING FOR ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES--
TO GIVE ME TIME TO LEISURELY DEPART!
BUT, AS SOON AS ANY OF YOUR PARTNERS RETURN--
--THEIR OWN BODY HEAT WILL SET IT OFF--WITHIN SECONDS!!
I'LL JUST LEAVE IT IN HERE--SO THE TICKING WON'T DISTURB YOU!


A PITY YOUR DOOMED HUSBAND AND HIS TWO BLUNDERING COMPANIONS WEREN'T IN WHEN I CALLED!
I WAS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ALL OF YOU AT ONCE!
NOW I MUST FOREGO THE PLEASURE OF WATCHING THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
SO FAREWELL, SUE RICHARDS--FOR THE LAST TIME!
I--I CAN'T FREE MYSELF! HIS PASTE IS SO STRONG, I CAN'T EVEN MOVE!
I CANT--STOP THAT BOMB--FROM DETONATING--AS SOON AS SOMEONE ENTERS--THE ROOM!!

BUT LET'S GO BACK A FEW MINUTES AND REVISIT THE REAL DAREDEVIL--
I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THESE ANTI-GRAV DISCS--NO MATTER WHAT!
HE PURPOSELY ATTACHED THEM LOOSELY--THINKING I WOULDN'T DARE REMOVE THEM--
FOR, WITHOUT THEM, I'LL PLUMMET EARTHWARD LIKE A FALLING STONE!

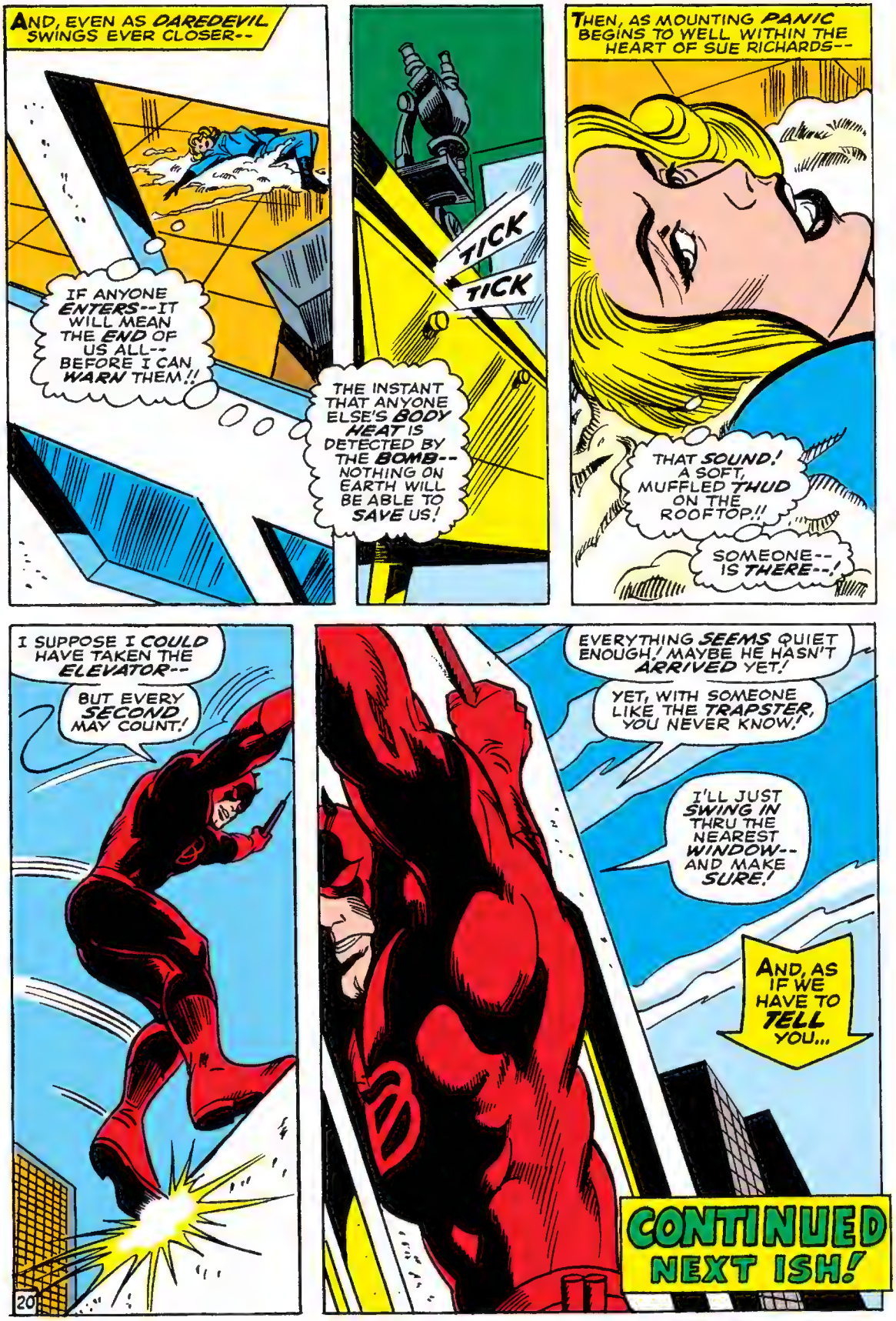

BUT I WON'T THROW THE LAST ONE AWAY!
I'LL HOLD IT--TO LET IT CHECK MY FALL!!

IT'S WORKING!
EVEN THOUGH I'M PLUNGING EARTHWARD--MY SPEED IS SLOWER THAN IT WOULD BE WITHOUT THE DISC'S EFFECT!
NOW, EVERY-THING DEPENDS UPON MY BILLY-CLUB CABLE!
I'LL ONLY HAVE TIME--FOR ONE THRUST--!


NOW!

I DID IT!!
I HOOKED IT ONTO A ROOFTOP--BREAKING MY FALL!!
I DON'T NEED THE DISC ANY LONGER--I'M SAFE!!

AND THAT'S MORE THAN THE TRAPSTER WILL BE ABLE TO SAY--WHEN I FIND HIM AGAIN!!
WAIT A MINUTE!! HE SAID HE WAS HEADING FOR THE BAXTER BUILDING!!
I'VE GOT TO GET THERE--AND WARN THE FF!


AND, EVEN AS DAREDEVIL SWINGS EVER CLOSER--
IF ANYONE ENTERS--IT WILL MEAN THE END OF US ALL--BEFORE I CAN WARN THEM!!
TICK
TICK
THE INSTANT THAT ANYONE ELSE'S BODY HEAT IS DETECTED BY THE BOMB--NOTHING ON EARTH WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE US!
THEN, AS MOUNTING PANIC BEGINS TO WELL WITHIN THE HEART OF SUE RICHARDS--
THAT SOUND! A SOFT, MUFFLED THUD ON THE ROOFTOP!!
SOMEONE--IS THERE--!
I SUPPOSE I COULD HAVE TAKEN THE ELEVATOR--
BUT EVERY SECOND MAY COUNT!
EVERYTHING SEEMS QUIET ENOUGH! MAYBE HE HASN'T ARRIVED YET!
YET, WITH SOMEONE LIKE THE TRAPSTER, YOU NEVER KNOW!
I'LL JUST SWING IN THRU THE NEAREST WINDOW--AND MAKE SURE!
AND, AS IF WE HAVE TO TELL YOU...
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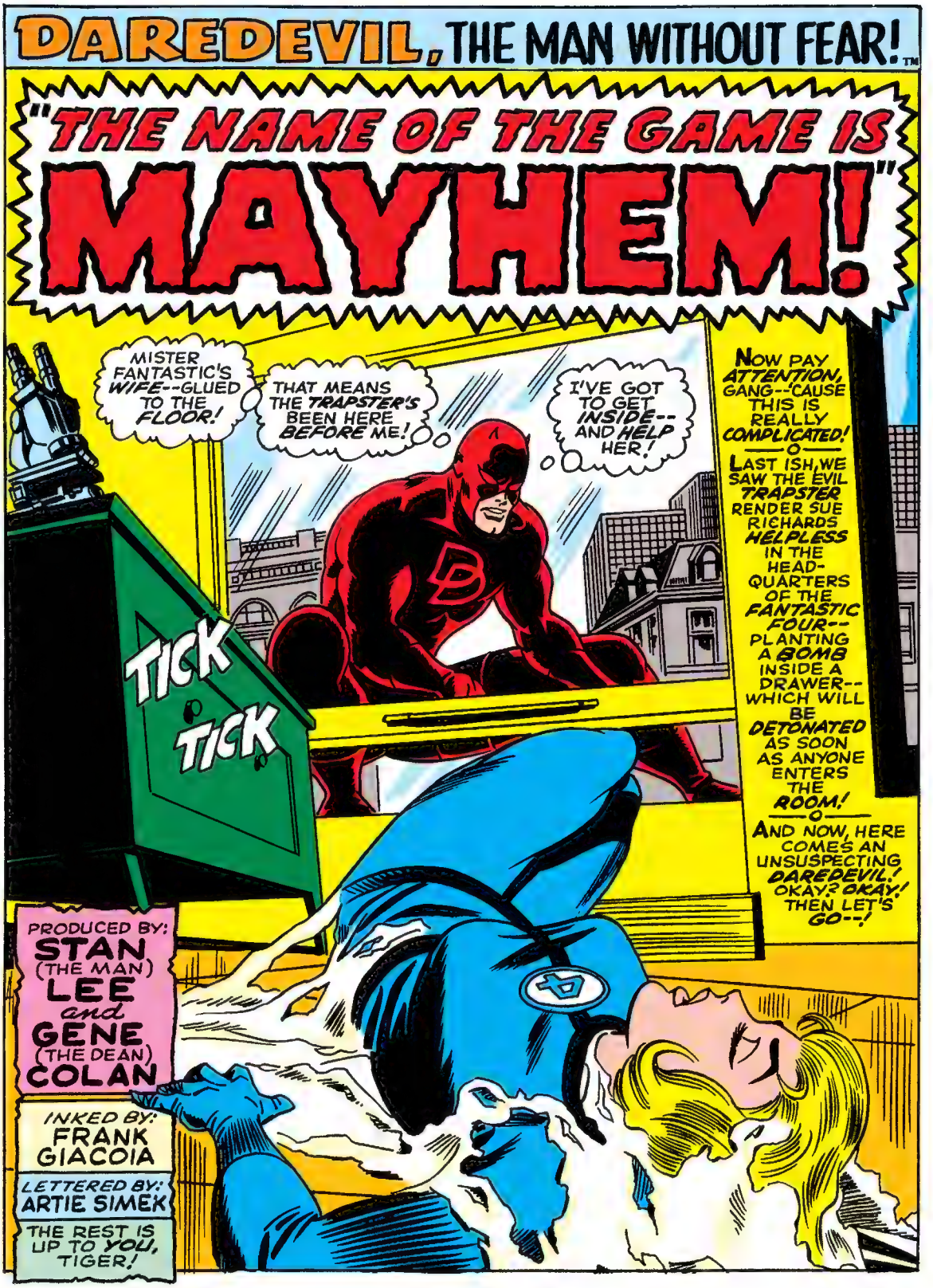
DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!™
"THE NAME OF THE GAME IS MAYHEM!"
MISTER FANTASTIC'S WIFE--GLUED TO THE FLOOR!
THAT MEANS THE TRAPSTER'S BEEN HERE BEFORE ME!
I'VE GOT TO GET INSIDE--AND HELP HER!
TICK TICK
NOW PAY ATTENTION, GANG--'CAUSE THIS IS REALLY COMPLICATED!
LAST ISH, WE SAW THE EVIL TRAPSTER RENDER SUE RICHARDS HELPLESS IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR--PLANTING A BOMB INSIDE A DRAWER--WHICH WILL BE DETONATED AS SOON AS ANYONE ENTERS THE ROOM!
AND NOW, HERE COMES AN UNSUSPECTING DAREDEVIL! OKAY? OKAY! THEN LET'S GO--!
PRODUCED BY: STAN (THE MAN) LEE and GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN
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THE REST IS UP TO YOU, TIGER!

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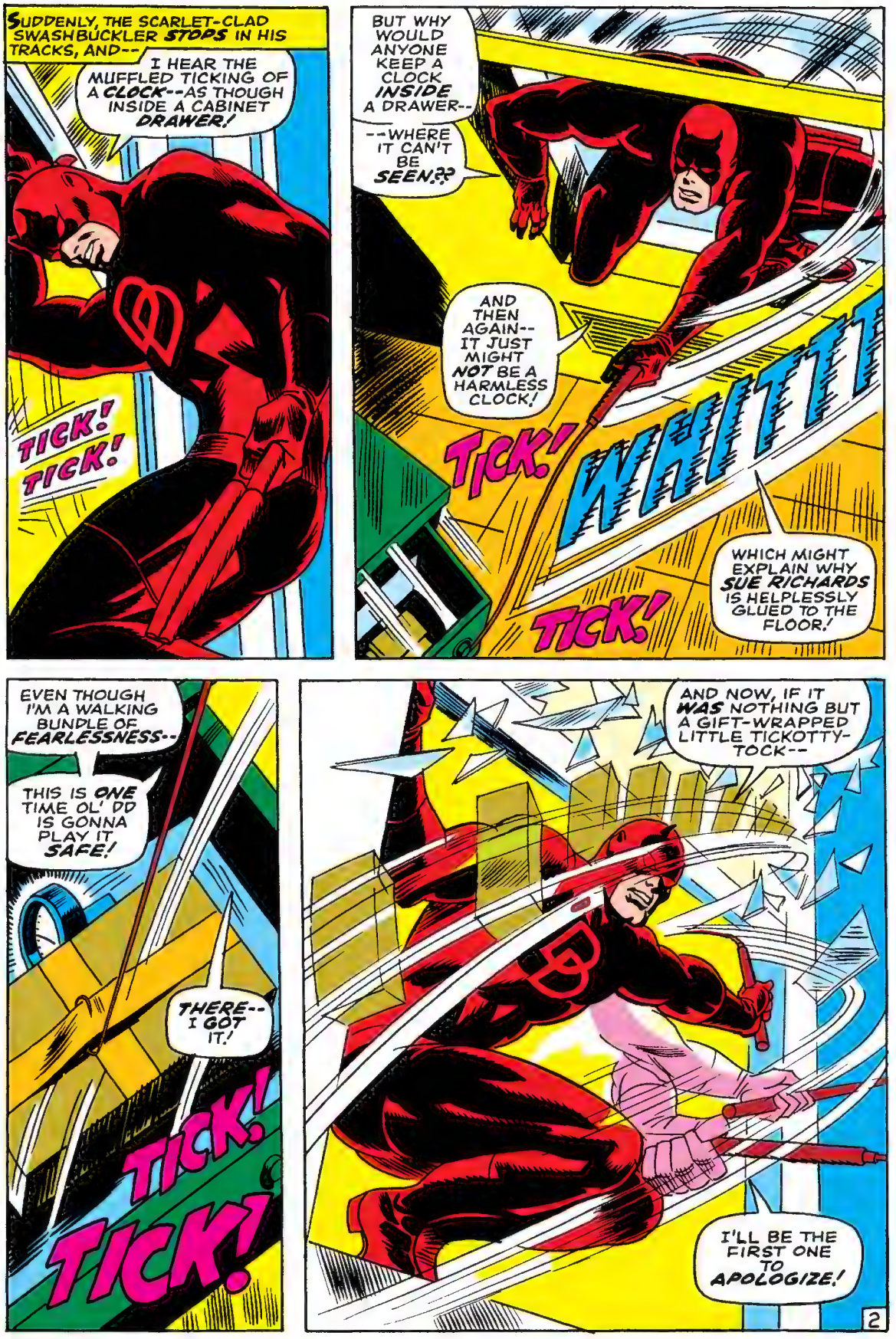
SUDDENLY, THE SCARLET-CLAD SWASHBUCKLER STOPS IN HIS TRACKS, AND--
I HEAR THE MUFFLED TICKING OF A CLOCK--AS THOUGH INSIDE A CABINET DRAWER!
TICK!
TICK!
BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE KEEP A CLOCK INSIDE A DRAWER--
--WHERE IT CAN'T BE SEEN??
AND THEN AGAIN-- IT JUST MIGHT NOT BE A HARMLESS CLOCK!
TICK!
WHEEEE
TICK!
WHICH MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY SUE RICHARDS IS HELPLESSLY GLUED TO THE FLOOR!
EVEN THOUGH I'M A WALKING BUNDLE OF FEARLESSNESS--
THIS IS ONE TIME OL' DD IS GONNA PLAY IT SAFE!
THERE-- I GOT IT!
TICK!
TICK!
AND NOW, IF IT WAS NOTHING BUT A GIFT-WRAPPED LITTLE TICKOTTY-TOCK--
I'LL BE THE FIRST ONE TO APOLOGIZE!
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WELL WADDAYA KNOW?
SCRATCH ONE APOLOGY!
MRS. RICHARDS! GLAD TO SEE YOU'VE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS!
I'LL HAVE YOU FREE OF THAT GOO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
DAREDEVIL!!
BUT--HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?? WHAT ABOUT --THE BOMB?
I KINDA THOUGHT YOU'D ASK!
WHILE, IN THE STREET BELOW--
JOHNNY! THAT BLAST IN THE SKY-- I DON'T LIKE IT!
IT WAS TOO NEAR OUR TOP FLOOR HQ!
AND SUE IS UP THERE-- ALL ALONE!
I READ YOU, LEADER MAN!
LET'S GO!
THEN, AFTER A BRIEF EXPLANATION--
UNHHH!
HOLD ON-- I THINK WE'RE LOOSENING IT!
THEY JUST DON'T MAKE IT LIKE THEY USED TO!
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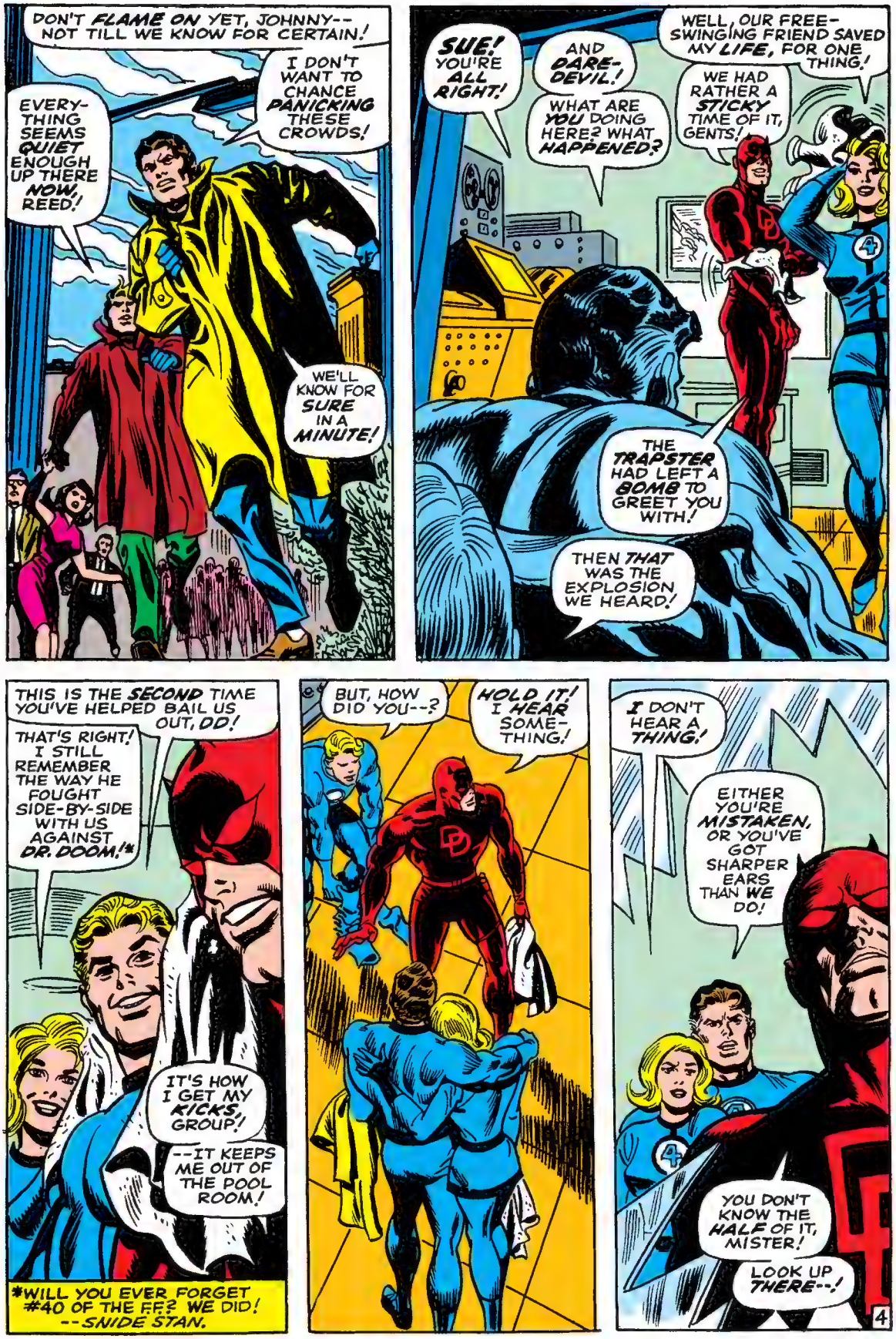
DON'T FLAME ON YET, JOHNNY-- NOT TILL WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN!
I DON'T WANT TO CHANCE PANICKING THESE CROWDS!
EVERY-THING SEEMS QUIET ENOUGH UP THERE NOW, REED!
WE'LL KNOW FOR SURE IN A MINUTE!
SUE! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
AND DARE-DEVIL!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHAT HAPPENED?
WELL, OUR FREE-SWINGING FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE, FOR ONE THING!
WE HAD RATHER A STICKY TIME OF IT, GENTS!
THE TRAPSTER HAD LEFT A BOMB TO GREET YOU WITH!
THEN THAT WAS THE EXPLOSION WE HEARD!
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE HELPED BAIL US OUT, DD!
THAT'S RIGHT! I STILL REMEMBER THE WAY HE FOUGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH US AGAINST DR. DOOM!*
IT'S HOW I GET MY KICKS, GROUP!
--IT KEEPS ME OUT OF THE POOL ROOM!
*WILL YOU EVER FORGET #40 OF THE F.F.? WE DID! --SNIDE STAN.
BUT, HOW DID YOU--?
HOLD IT! I HEAR SOME-THING!
I DON'T HEAR A THING!
EITHER YOU'RE MISTAKEN, OR YOU'VE GOT SHARPER EARS THAN WE DO!
YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT, MISTER!
LOOK UP THERE--!
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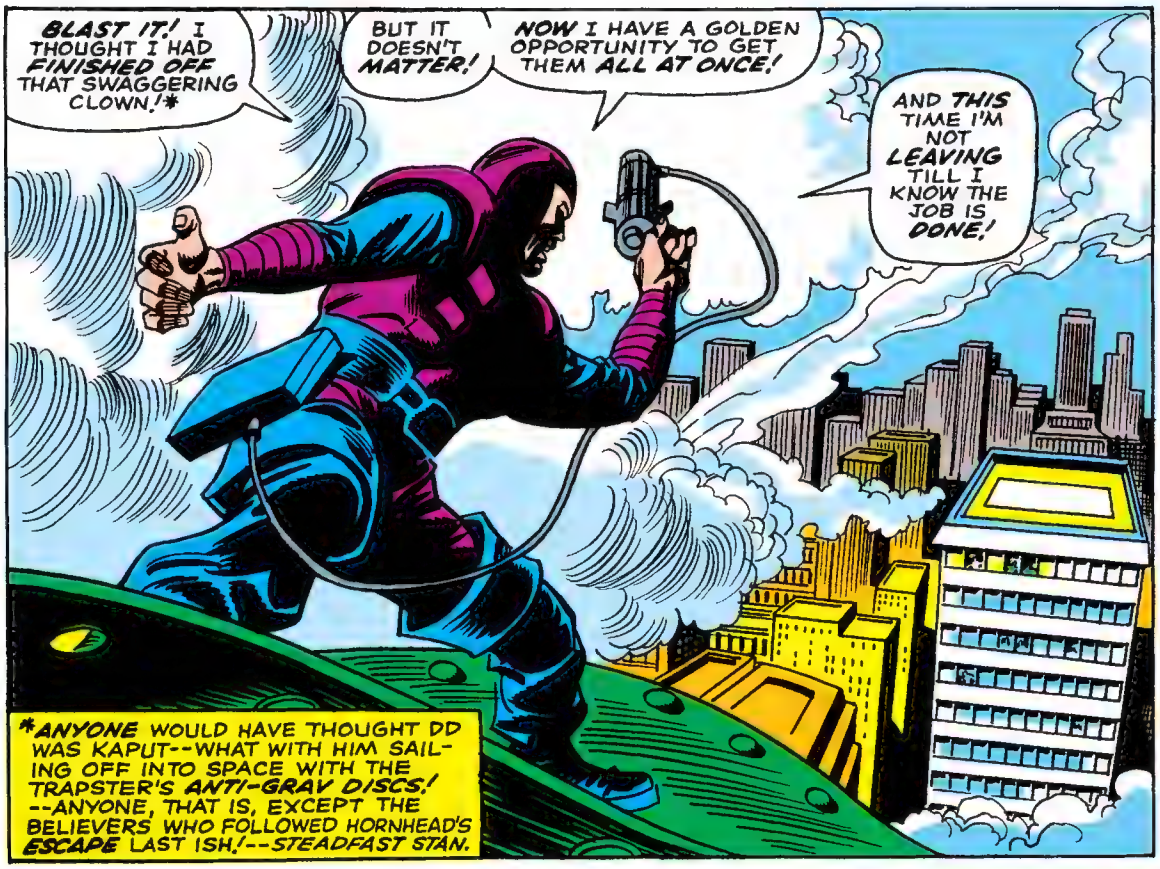
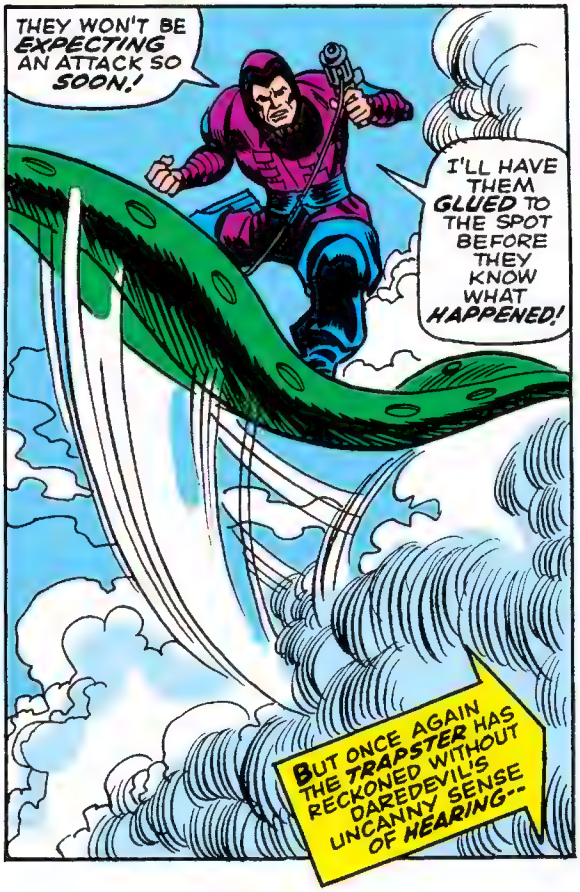
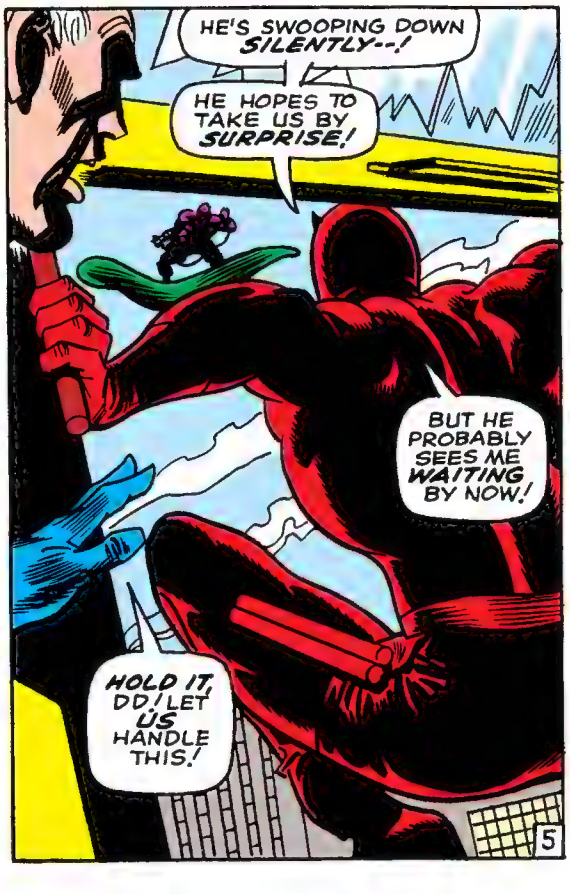

BLAST IT! I THOUGHT I HAD FINISHED OFF THAT SWAGGERING CLOWN!*
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER!
NOW I HAVE A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEM ALL AT ONCE!
AND THIS TIME I'M NOT LEAVING TILL I KNOW THE JOB IS DONE!
*ANYONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT DD WAS KAPUT--WHAT WITH HIM SAILING OFF INTO SPACE WITH THE TRAPSTER'S ANTI-GRAV DISCS! --ANYONE, THAT IS, EXCEPT THE BELIEVERS WHO FOLLOWED HORNHEAD'S ESCAPE LAST ISH!--STEADFAST STAN.


THEY WON'T BE EXPECTING AN ATTACK SO SOON!
I'LL HAVE THEM GLUED TO THE SPOT BEFORE THEY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!
BUT ONCE AGAIN THE TRAPSTER HAS RECKONED WITHOUT DAREDEVIL'S UNCANNY SENSE OF HEARING--


HE'S SWOOPING DOWN SILENTLY--!
HE HOPES TO TAKE US BY SURPRISE!
BUT HE PROBABLY SEES ME WAITING BY NOW!
HOLD IT, DD! LET US HANDLE THIS!
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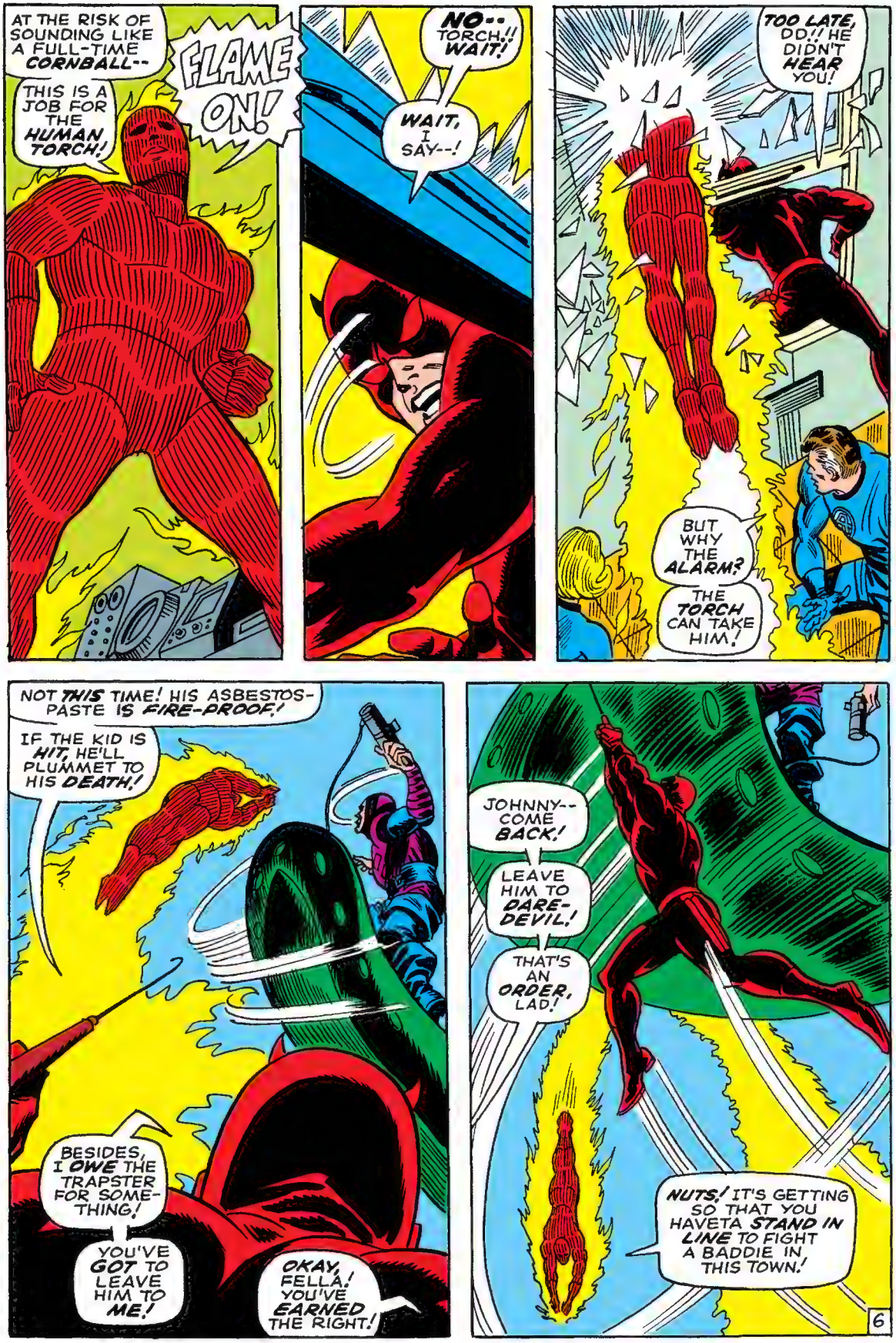
AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A FULL-TIME CORNBALL--
THIS IS A JOB FOR THE HUMAN TORCH!
FLAME ON!
NO-- TORCH!! WAIT!
WAIT, I SAY--!
TOO LATE, DD!! HE DIDN'T HEAR YOU!
BUT WHY THE ALARM?
THE TORCH CAN TAKE HIM!
NOT THIS TIME! HIS ASBESTOS-PASTE IS FIRE-PROOF!
IF THE KID IS HIT, HE'LL PLUMMET TO HIS DEATH!
BESIDES, I OWE THE TRAPSTER FOR SOMETHING!
YOU'VE GOT TO LEAVE HIM TO ME!
OKAY, FELLA! YOU'VE EARNED THE RIGHT!
JOHNNY-- COME BACK!
LEAVE HIM TO DARE-DEVIL!
THAT'S AN ORDER, LAD!
NUTS! IT'S GETTING SO THAT YOU HAVETA STAND IN LINE TO FIGHT A BADDIE IN THIS TOWN!
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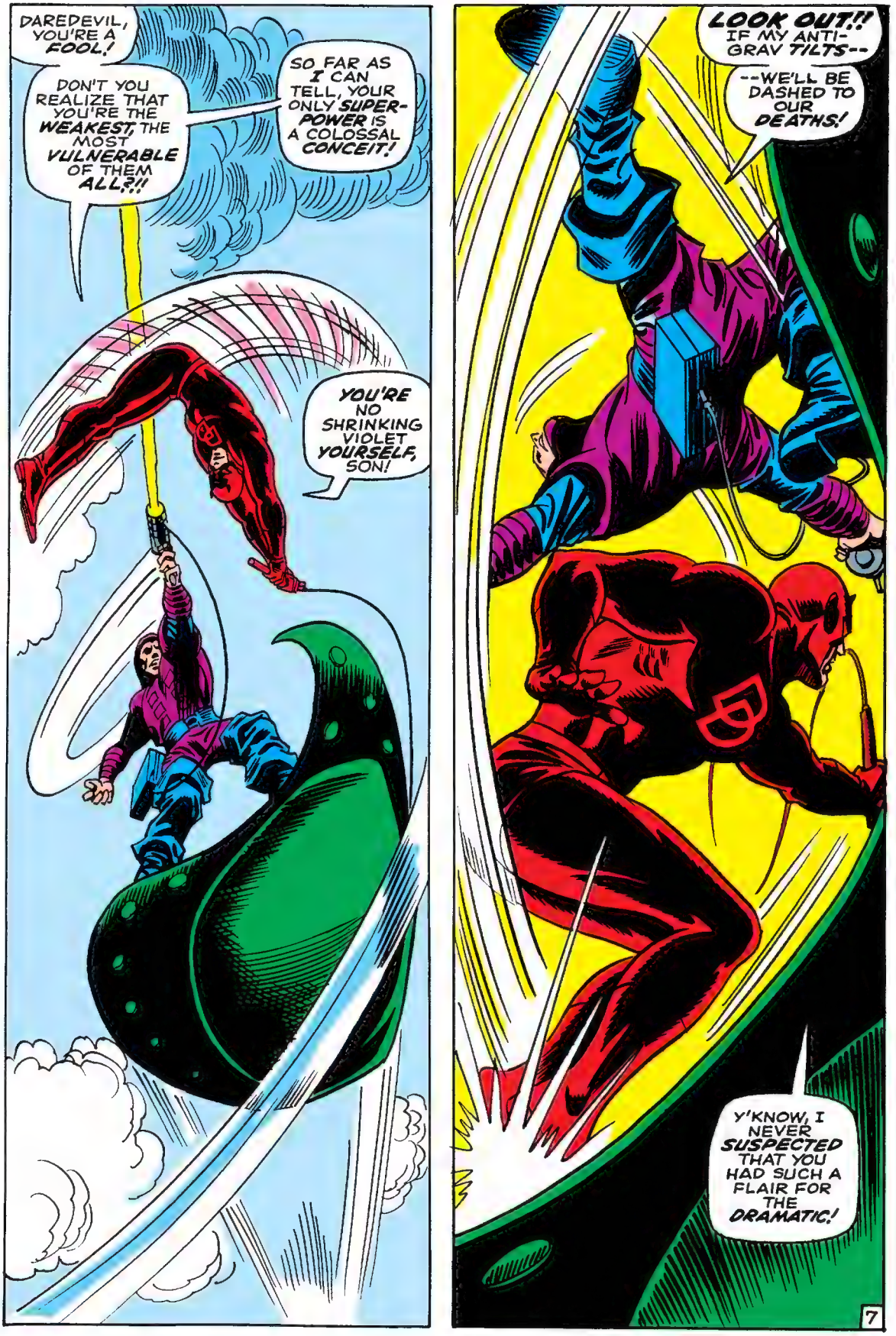
DAREDEVIL, YOU'RE A FOOL!
DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE THE WEAKEST, THE MOST VULNERABLE OF THEM ALL?!!
SO FAR AS I CAN TELL, YOUR ONLY SUPER-POWER IS A COLOSSAL CONCEIT!
YOU'RE NO SHRINKING VIOLET YOURSELF, SON!
LOOK OUT!! IF MY ANTI-GRAV TILTS--
--WE'LL BE DASHED TO OUR DEATHS!
Y'KNOW, I NEVER SUSPECTED THAT YOU HAD SUCH A FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC!
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YOU WON'T BE SO SMART ONCE I PELT YOU WITH A PASTE BLAST--!
YOU CAN'T KEEP DODGING THESE SHOTS FOREVER!
MAYBE NOT-- BUT I SURE INTEND TO TRY!
SO! YOU'D LIKE TO KICK ME OFF, EH?
THAT'S MIGHTY UNNEIGH-BORLY OF YOU, MAN!
ANYWAY, WHEN IT COMES TO FOOT-WORK--
TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT LITTLE GAME!
THUD!
NICE TRY, DAREDEVIL--!
BUT YOU CAN'T TALK YOUR WAY INTO A VICTORY THIS TIME!
I'VE GOT TO BRING THE SHIP DOWN, SOMEHOW!
WHILE WE'RE UP HERE, THE ADVANTAGE STILL IS HIS!
--HE'S FAMILIAR WITH THE FLYER--AND THE USE OF HIS ANTI-GRAV DISCS!
HE CAN ESTIMATE EACH SUDDEN MANEUVER FASTER THAN I!
NOW HE'S TRYING TO TILT IT-- TO SHAKE ME OFF--!
SORRY, TRAPPY-- THIS IS ONE RIDE I'M NOT CUTTIN' OUT OF--
--'LESS I TAKE YOU WITH ME!
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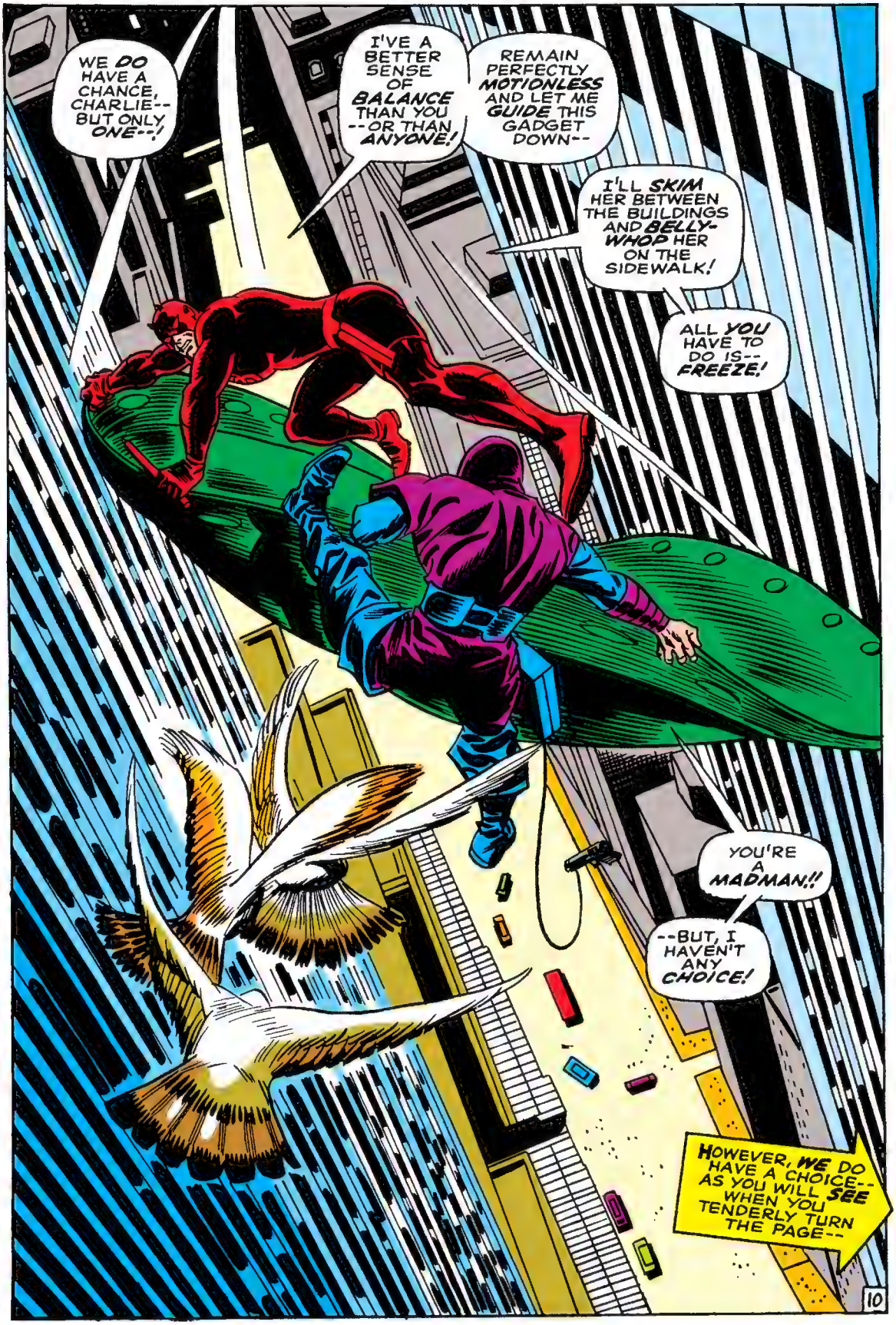
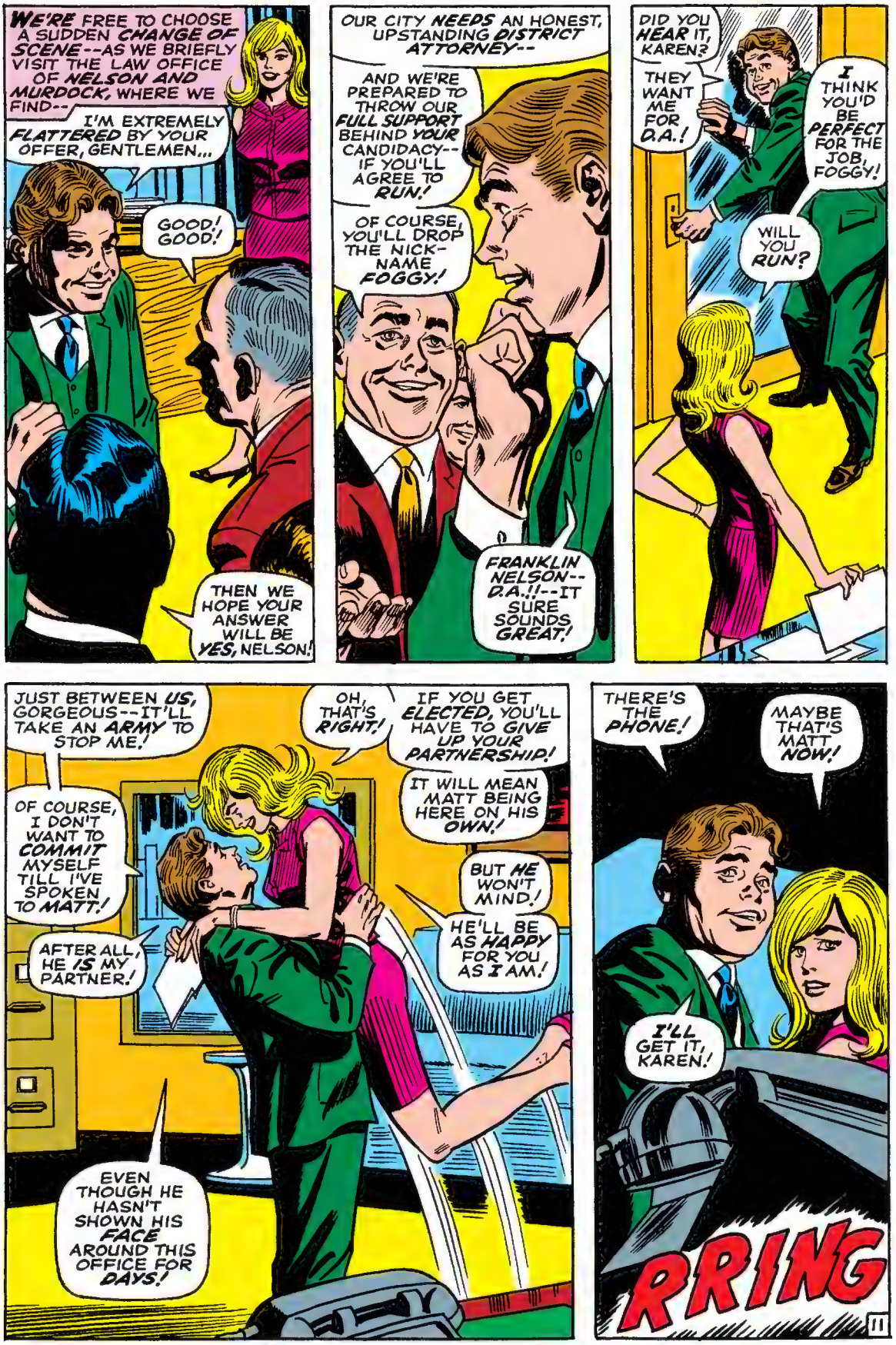
KNOW SOMETHING, SON? IT'S TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT A BUSINESSMAN!
IF YOU COULD SELL THIS RIDE TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK--
--YOU'D PUT THE ROLLER COASTER OUT OF BUSINESS!

NOW THAT HE'S GOT HIS HANDS FULL--JUST HOLDING ON--
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO KNOCK OFF SOME OF THE ANTI-GRAV DISCS!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO BRING THIS BABY DOWN!

THERE! THAT OUGHTTA DO IT!
CAN'T TOSS 'EM ALL OFF, OR WE'LL PLUMMET LIKE A ROCK!

DAREDEVIL!! ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL US??!
WE'RE FALLING TOO FAST!!
WITHOUT THOSE DISCS, WE'LL CRASH! WE WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!!


WE DO HAVE A CHANCE, CHARLIE-- BUT ONLY ONE--!
I'VE A BETTER SENSE OF BALANCE THAN YOU --OR THAN ANYONE!
REMAIN PERFECTLY MOTIONLESS AND LET ME GUIDE THIS GADGET DOWN--
I'LL SKIM HER BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS AND BELLY-WHOP HER ON THE SIDEWALK!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS-- FREEZE!
YOU'RE A MADMAN!!
--BUT, I HAVEN'T ANY CHOICE!
HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE A CHOICE-- AS YOU WILL SEE WHEN YOU TENDERLY TURN THE PAGE--


WE'RE FREE TO CHOOSE A SUDDEN CHANGE OF SCENE--AS WE BRIEFLY VISIT THE LAW OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, WHERE WE FIND--
I'M EXTREMELY FLATTERED BY YOUR OFFER, GENTLEMEN...
GOOD! GOOD!
THEN WE HOPE YOUR ANSWER WILL BE YES, NELSON!
OUR CITY NEEDS AN HONEST, UPSTANDING DISTRICT ATTORNEY--
AND WE'RE PREPARED TO THROW OUR FULL SUPPORT BEHIND YOUR CANDIDACY--IF YOU'LL AGREE TO RUN!
OF COURSE, YOU'LL DROP THE NICK-NAME FOGGY!
FRANKLIN NELSON--D.A.!!--IT SURE SOUNDS GREAT!
DID YOU HEAR IT, KAREN?
THEY WANT ME FOR D.A.!
I THINK YOU'D BE PERFECT FOR THE JOB, FOGGY!
WILL YOU RUN?
JUST BETWEEN US, GORGEOUS--IT'LL TAKE AN ARMY TO STOP ME!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
IF YOU GET ELECTED, YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP YOUR PARTNERSHIP!
IT WILL MEAN MATT BEING HERE ON HIS OWN!
OF COURSE, I DON'T WANT TO COMMIT MYSELF TILL I'VE SPOKEN TO MATT!
BUT HE WON'T MIND!
HE'LL BE AS HAPPY FOR YOU AS I AM!
AFTER ALL, HE IS MY PARTNER!
EVEN THOUGH HE HASN'T SHOWN HIS FACE AROUND THIS OFFICE FOR DAYS!
THERE'S THE PHONE!
MAYBE THAT'S MATT NOW!
I'LL GET IT, KAREN!
RRING
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BUT, THE PARTY AT THE OPPOSITE END OF THE LINE TURNS OUT NOT TO BE MATT MURDOCK--IN FACT, WE CAN SAFELY SAY SHE'S ABOUT THE FURTHEST THING FROM MATT MURDOCK--OR ANY OTHER MALE-TYPE PERSON--!
HEL-LO, FOGGY! CAN YOU TELL WHO THIS IS?
THAT'S RIGHT!
I HOPED YOU'D REMEMBER!

DEBBIE! DEBORAH HARRIS!! I-I THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL IN JAIL!
I'VE JUST BEEN PAROLED, FOGGY!
I WAS WONDERING--IF YOU'RE FREE FOR DINNER--
--JUST FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE!
I--EH--AH--THAT IS--I'M NOT SURE!
SUPPOSE YOU CALL ME BACK --DEB--!

YOU ONCE HAD A REAL CRUSH ON HER, FOGGY!
WHAT MADE YOU SHY AWAY NOW?
HOW WOULD IT LOOK, KAREN--TO RUN FOR D.A.--AND DATE AN EX-CONVICT??

I REMEMBER--THE TIME I MET HER--AT ABNER JONAS' PARTY--!*
THIS IS AN OLD FRIEND OF YOURS, FOGGY!
I'M DEBORAH HARRIS! WE WERE CLASSMATES AT FILLMORE JR. HIGH!
WOW! WHY DID I EVER LEAVE SCHOOL?!!
*FOR THE SERIOUS ARCHIVIST, WE SUGGEST A CAREFUL RE-READING OF DD #10 & #11! --STATISTICIAN STAN.

"I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT MAD, INCREDIBLE EVENING--IT STARTED WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT AT JONAS' PENTHOUSE PARTY--"
DEBBIE!
DEBBIE!! WHERE ARE YOU--?!!
"BUT, WHEN THINGS RETURNED TO NORMAL, DEBBIE WAS GONE--AND ONLY ONE OF THE ORGANIZER'S MEN WAS THERE IN HER STEAD--!"
IT'S--THE CAT MAN!
HOW DID HE GET HERE?
WHO KNOCKED HIM OUT??
"AND THEN, SECONDS LATER, MY VERY WORST FEARS WERE REALIZED--"
DEBORAH HARRIS IS GONE!
SHE WAS CAPTURED BY ANOTHER OF THE ORGANIZER'S MEN!
THE FLYING BIRD MAN!
"BUT, UNDER CONSTANT GRILLING BY THE POLICE, THE CAPTURED CAT MAN FINALLY BROKE, AND WAS THE FIRST TO TURN AGAINST THE ORGANIZER..."
OKAY--I'LL TALK--I'LL TALK!
THE ORGANIZER AIMS TO GET THE WHOLE CITY UNDER HIS CONTROL--
"THEN, IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE DAREDEVIL ROUNDED UP THE REST OF THE GANG--WITH MY HELP--!"
GOOD WORK, FOGGY!
HOLD ONTO HIM--
HE'S THE RINGLEADER!
AND DEBBIE HARRIS WAS IN LEAGUE WITH HIM!
"IT NEARLY BROKE MY HEART TO LEARN THAT DEBBIE HAD BEEN PLAYING ME FOR A FOOL--IN ORDER TO HELP ABNER JONAS--WHO WAS THE UNMASKED ORGANIZER! AND YET--"
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME??
I'D STILL FORGIVE HER--TAKE HER BACK--IF SHE'D HAVE ME!
TAKE 'IM AWAY, FOGGY!
BUT I MUST FORGET HER--I MUST!
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AND NOW--JUST WHEN I'D ALMOST GOTTEN HER OUT OF MY SYSTEM--SHE'S FREE AGAIN--BACK IN MY LIFE AGAIN--!
DO YOU--PLAN TO SEE HER AGAIN?
I DON'T KNOW! I JUST DON'T KNOW!
HOWEVER, OUR SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER HAS NO SUCH AMBIVALENT FEELINGS AT THE MOMENT! HE KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS TO DO! HIS ONLY PROBLEM IS--HOW TO DO IT--??
I TOLD YOU I'D GUIDE US SAFELY PAST THE BUILDINGS--INTO THE PARK!
AND NOW--WE'RE GONNA HIT!
BRACE YOURSELF, BAD MAN! HERE IT COMES!
SPKOWW
WE'RE SAFE!
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, FOOL!
I'M STILL THE ONE WITH THE PASTE GUN!
WELL, GOODY FOR YOU!
YOU'RE ALSO THE ONE WITH THE CRUMMY AIM!
THOP!
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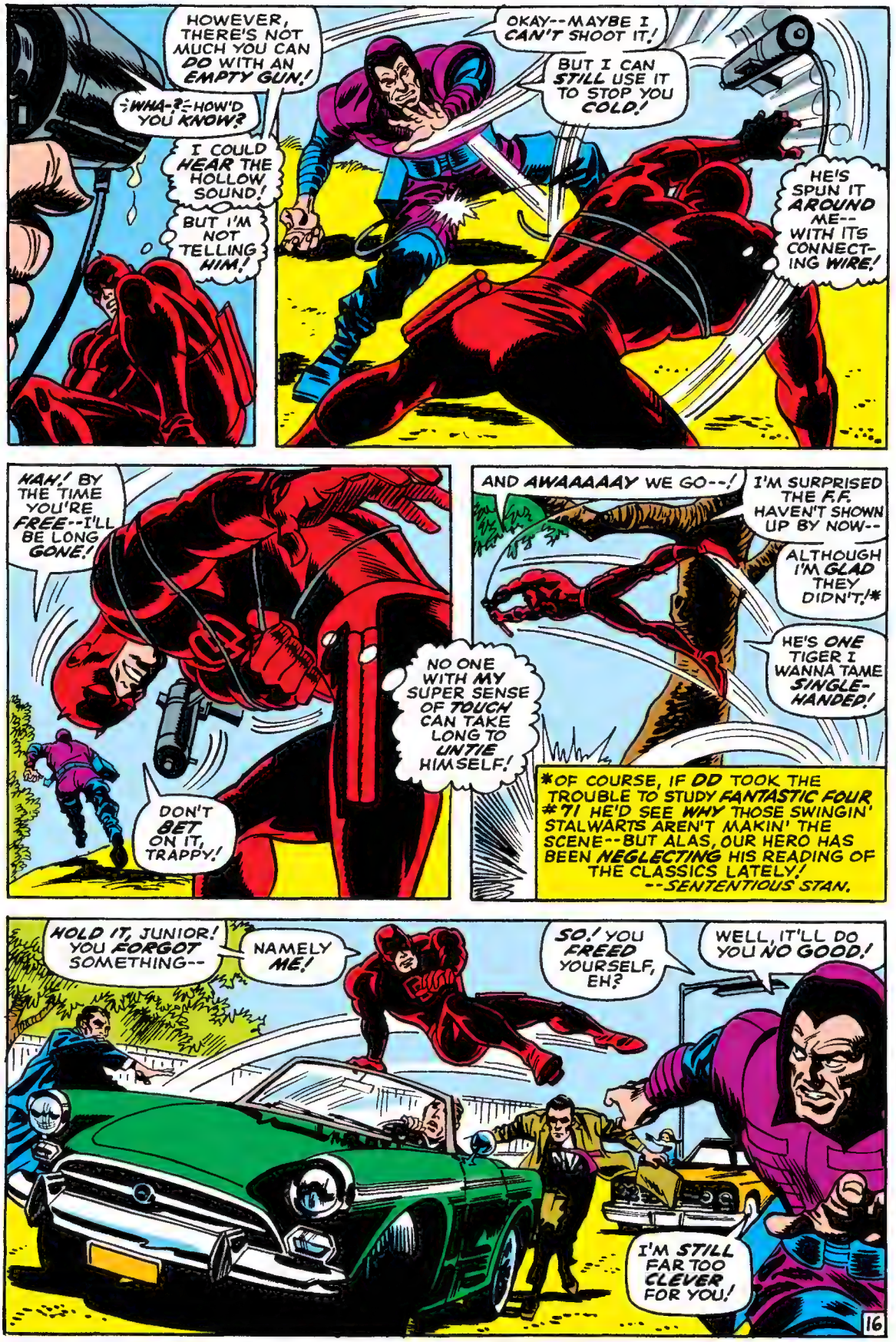
I'LL ADMIT I DON'T HAVE ANY GOOEY GUNS--
BUT, FOR WHAT I LACK IN WEAPONS--
I TRY TO MAKE UP IN ENTHUSIASM!
BETTER BE CAREFUL! I DON'T WANNA HAVE TO CARRY HIM TO JAIL!
OOPS! I WAS TOO CAREFUL!
--I MISSED!
ONE CHANCE IS ALL YOU GET WHEN YOU FIGHT THE TRAPSTER--!
AND YOU JUST HAD IT, WISE GUY!
DON'T EXPECT ME TO FIGHT BY THE MARQUIS OF QUEENSBURY RULES, EITHER!
I'M TOO SMART FOR THAT!
OKAY! OKAY! YOU MADE YOUR POINT!


HOWEVER, THERE'S NOT MUCH YOU CAN DO WITH AN EMPTY GUN!
:WHA-?:-HOW'D YOU KNOW?
I COULD HEAR THE HOLLOW SOUND!
BUT I'M NOT TELLING HIM!
OKAY--MAYBE I CAN'T SHOOT IT!
BUT I CAN STILL USE IT TO STOP YOU COLD!
HE'S SPUN IT AROUND ME--WITH ITS CONNECTING WIRE!
NAH! BY THE TIME YOU'RE FREE--I'LL BE LONG GONE!
DON'T BET ON IT, TRAPPY!
NO ONE WITH MY SUPER SENSE OF TOUCH CAN TAKE LONG TO UNTIE HIMSELF!
AND AWAAAAAY WE GO--!
I'M SURPRISED THE F.F. HAVEN'T SHOWN UP BY NOW--
ALTHOUGH I'M GLAD THEY DIDN'T!*
HE'S ONE TIGER I WANNA TAME SINGLE-HANDED!
*OF COURSE, IF DD TOOK THE TROUBLE TO STUDY FANTASTIC FOUR #7! HE'D SEE WHY THOSE SWINGIN' STALWARTS AREN'T MAKIN' THE SCENE--BUT ALAS, OUR HERO HAS BEEN NEGLECTING HIS READING OF THE CLASSICS LATELY! --SENTENTIOUS STAN.
HOLD IT, JUNIOR! YOU FORGOT SOMETHING--
NAMELY ME!
SO! YOU FREED YOURSELF, EH?
WELL, IT'LL DO YOU NO GOOD!
I'M STILL FAR TOO CLEVER FOR YOU!
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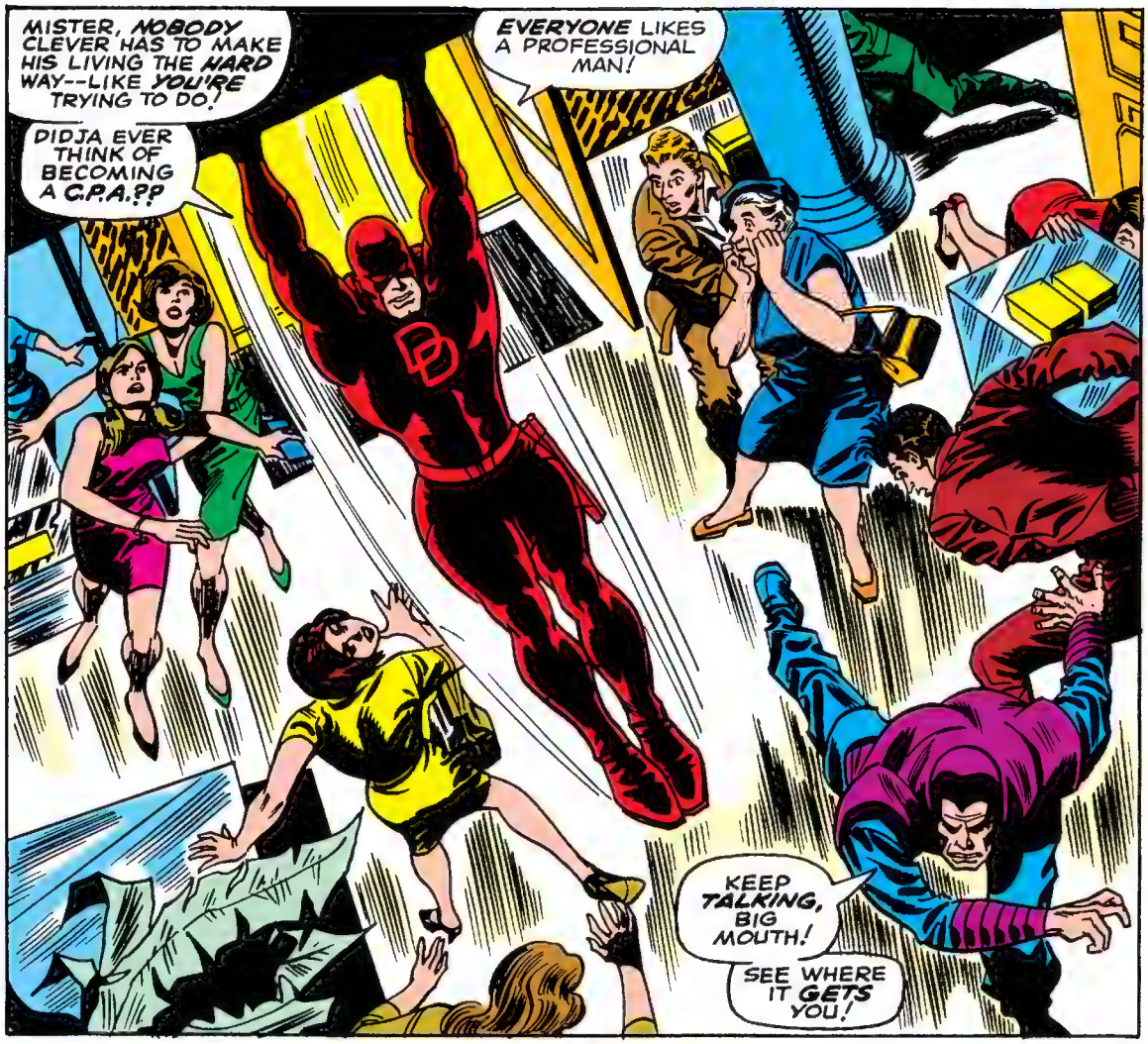
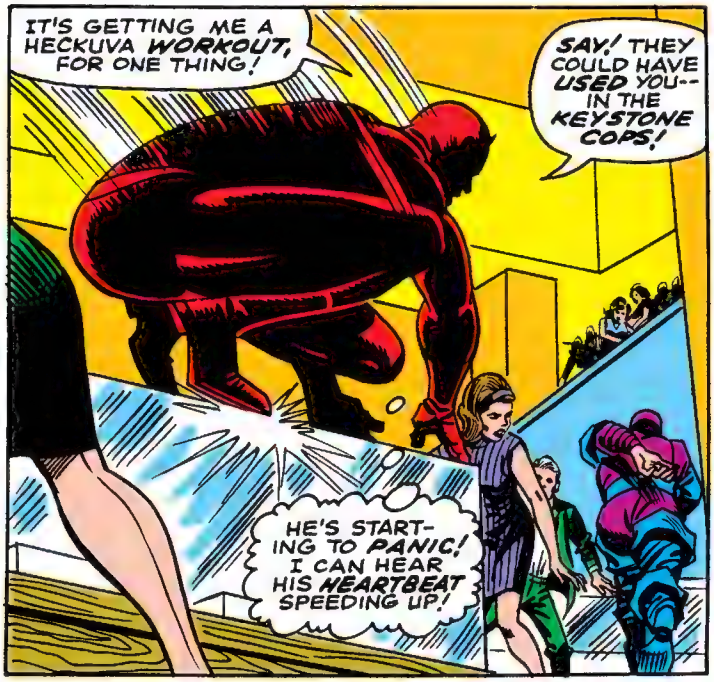
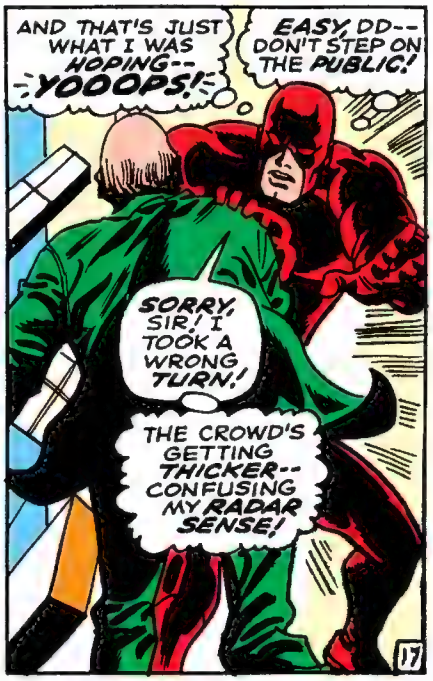
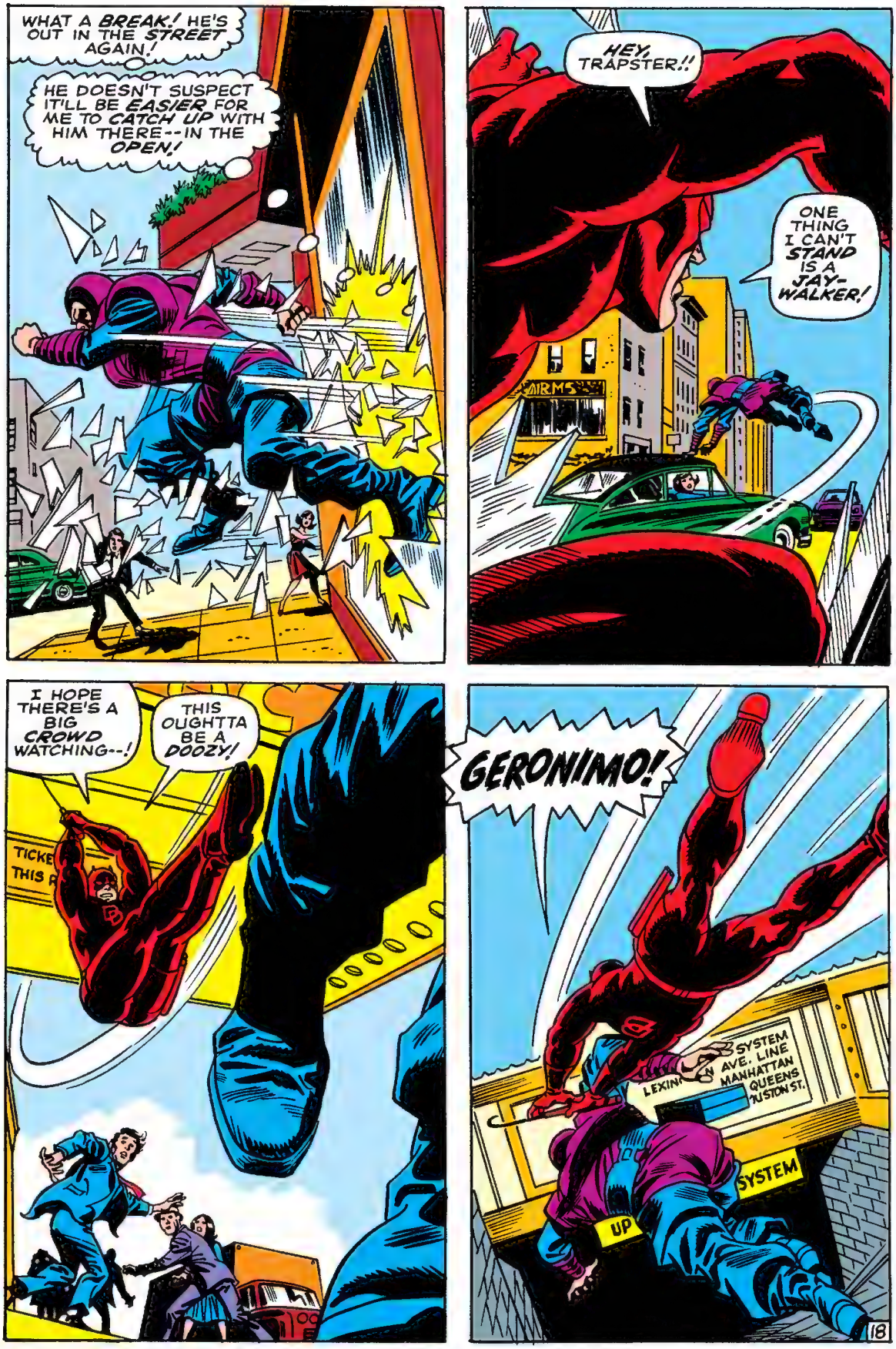

MISTER, NOBODY CLEVER HAS TO MAKE HIS LIVING THE HARD WAY--LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO DO!
DIDJA EVER THINK OF BECOMING A C.P.A.??
EVERYONE LIKES A PROFESSIONAL MAN!
KEEP TALKING, BIG MOUTH!
SEE WHERE IT GETS YOU!


IT'S GETTING ME A HECKUVA WORKOUT, FOR ONE THING!
SAY! THEY COULD HAVE USED YOU-- IN THE KEYSTONE COPS!
HE'S START-ING TO PANIC! I CAN HEAR HIS HEARTBEAT SPEEDING UP!


AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS HOPING-- -YOOOPS!-
EASY, DD-- DON'T STEP ON THE PUBLIC!
SORRY, SIR! I TOOK A WRONG TURN!
THE CROWD'S GETTING THICKER-- CONFUSING MY RADAR SENSE!


WHAT A BREAK! HE'S OUT IN THE STREET AGAIN!
HE DOESN'T SUSPECT IT'LL BE EASIER FOR ME TO CATCH UP WITH HIM THERE--IN THE OPEN!
HEY, TRAPSTER!!
ONE THING I CAN'T STAND IS A JAY-WALKER!
I HOPE THERE'S A BIG CROWD WATCHING--!
THIS OUGHTTA BE A DOOZY!
GERONIMO!
SYSTEM
UP
SYSTEM
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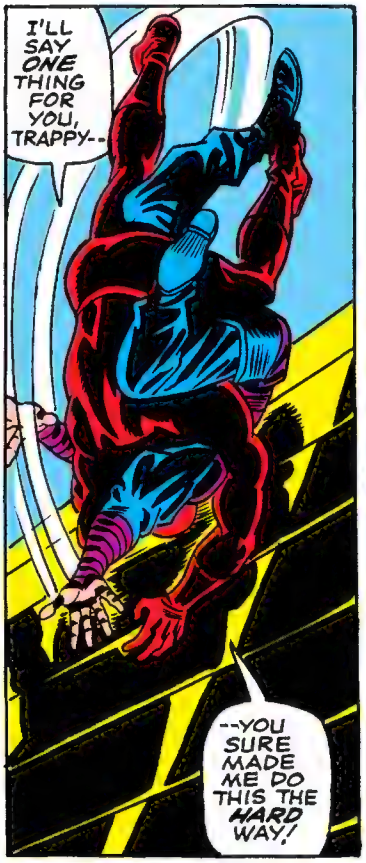
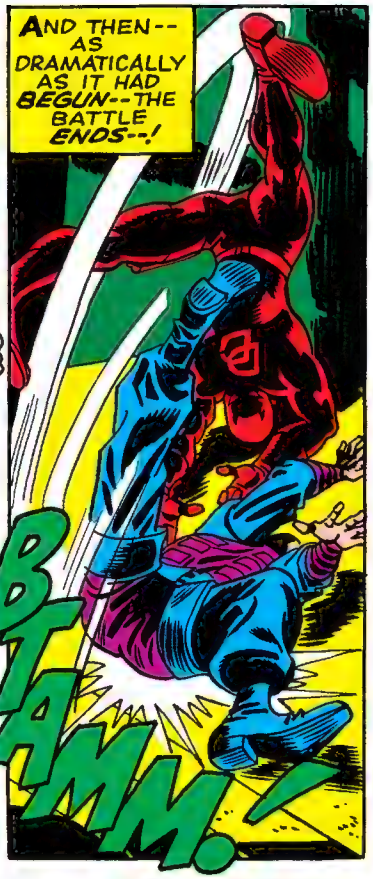

I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR YOU, TRAPPY--
--YOU SURE MADE ME DO THIS THE HARD WAY!

HEADLONG DOWN THE SUBWAY STEPS TUMBLE THE TWO DESPERATE COMBATANTS--NEITHER MAN RELINQUISHING HIS GRIP ON THE OTHER--UNTIL--
HE CAN'T TAKE THIS KIND OF FALL AS WELL AS I--!
I TRIED TO--KEEP HIS HEAD--FROM HITTING THE STAIRS--!
BUT--IN SO DOING --I WRENCHED --MY OWN BACK!
-UNHHH!-


AND THEN--AS DRAMATICALLY AS IT HAD BEGUN--THE BATTLE ENDS--!
BTAMM!

LONG MINUTES LATER--
I HEARD POLICE--COMING HERE--PICKING UP TRAPSTER--
BUT--THEY DIDN'T SEE ME!

DIDN'T KNOW--I HAD ROLLED--HERE--UNDER PLATFORM!
COULDN'T CALL OUT TO THEM--TOO WEAK--TOO MUCH--PAIN--!

AT LEAST--I WON! TRAPSTER IS CAPTURED!
BUT--EVERY-THING SPINNING AROUND--HAVE TO HANG ON--!!
AND HANG ON HE DOES--GATHERING UP HIS IRON RESOLVE--HIS DAUNTLESS VITALITY--UNTIL AT LAST--

SLOWLY--STUMBLINGLY--THE WOUNDED ADVENTURER STRUGGLES TO RAISE HIMSELF--
I HAVE TO--GET UP! CAN'T--REMAIN--HERE!!
BUT--MY BACK!! HOW SERIOUS IS--THE INJURY??
IF I CAN JUST--GET TO MY FEET--!
BUT THEN--SUDDENLY--
FOOTSTEPS!!
BUT WHO--??
THE TREAD OF--AN ARMORED BOOT--!!
THAT COULD MEAN--IRON MAN... OR ELSE--
--OR ELSE--
DOCTOR DOOM!
SURPRISED, TIGER? WE KINDA HOPED YOU WOULD BE!
ANYWAY, IT ALL COMES OUT IN THE WASH
NEXT ISH!!
SO BE HERE--IT'S ONE OF THE GREATEST DD'S YET!!
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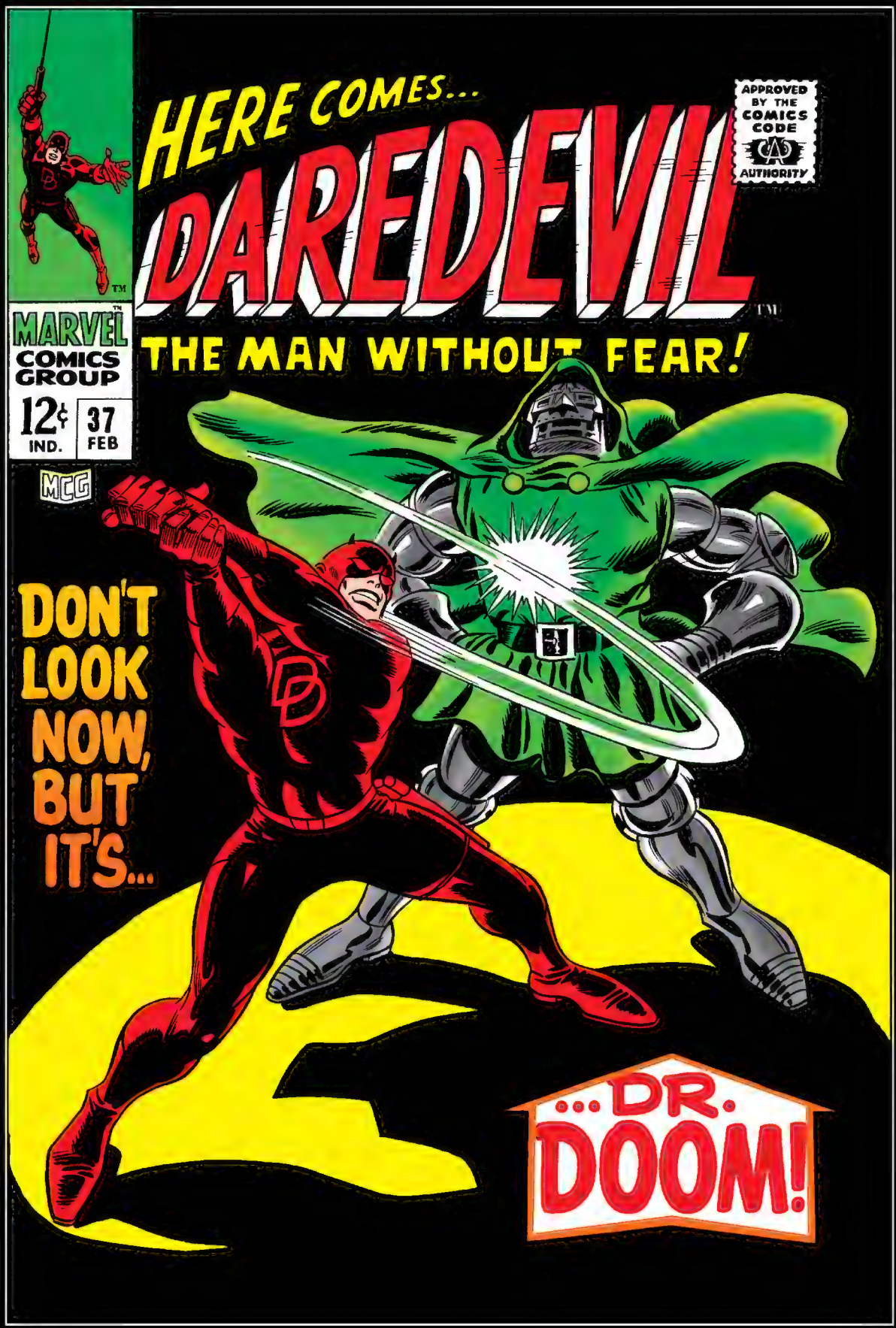
HERE COMES...
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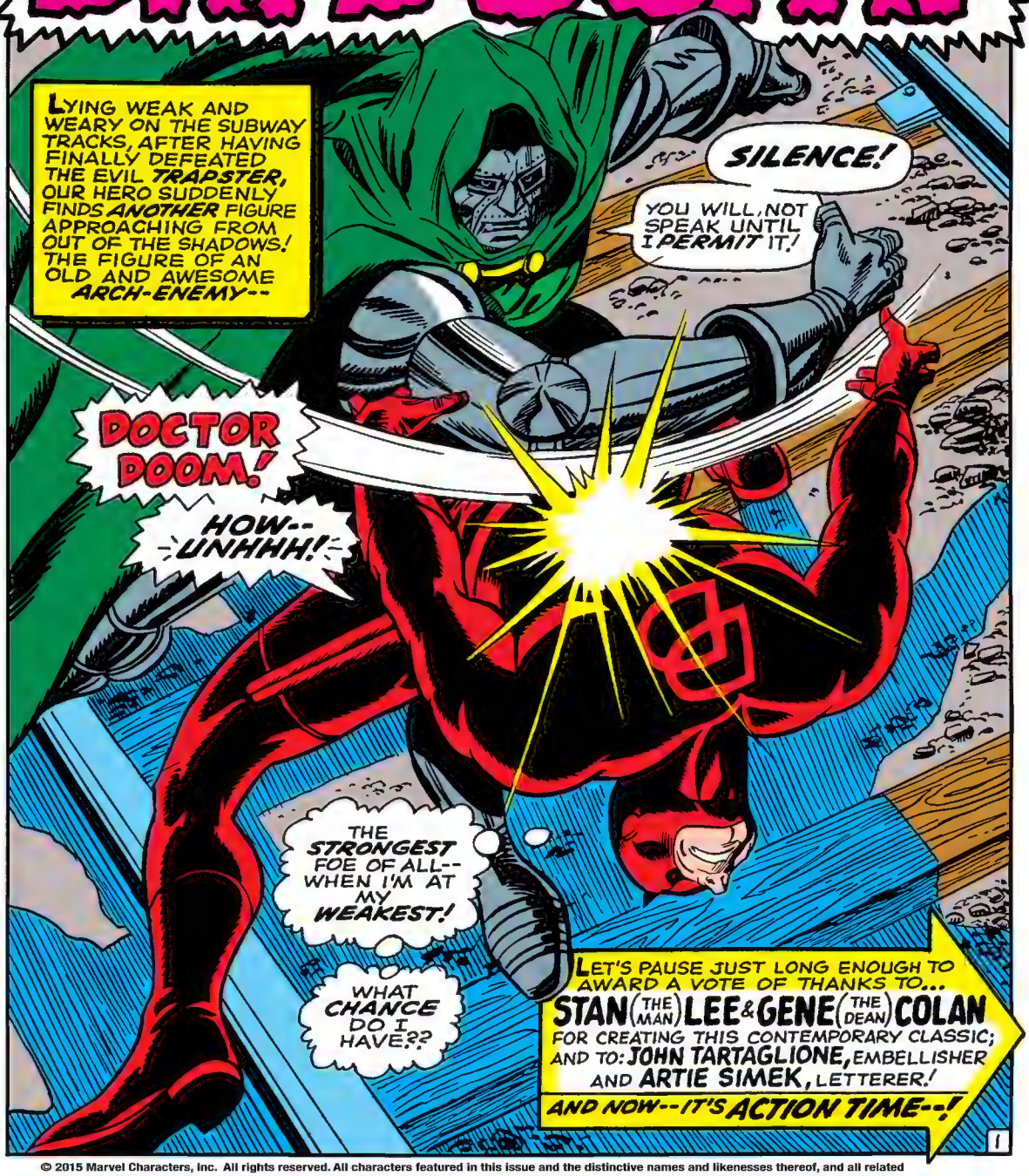
LYING WEAK AND WEARY ON THE SUBWAY TRACKS, AFTER HAVING FINALLY DEFEATED THE EVIL TRAPSTER, OUR HERO SUDDENLY FINDS ANOTHER FIGURE APPROACHING FROM OUT OF THE SHADOWS! THE FIGURE OF AN OLD AND AWESOME ARCH-ENEMY--
SILENCE!
YOU WILL NOT SPEAK UNTIL I PERMIT IT!
DOCTOR DOOM!
HOW-- UNHHH!
THE STRONGEST FOE OF ALL-- WHEN I'M AT MY WEAKEST!
WHAT CHANCE DO I HAVE??
LET'S PAUSE JUST LONG ENOUGH TO AWARD A VOTE OF THANKS TO... STAN (THE MAN) LEE & GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN FOR CREATING THIS CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC; AND TO: JOHN TARTAGLIONE, EMBELLISHER AND ARTIE SIMEK, LETTERER!
AND NOW--IT'S ACTION TIME--!

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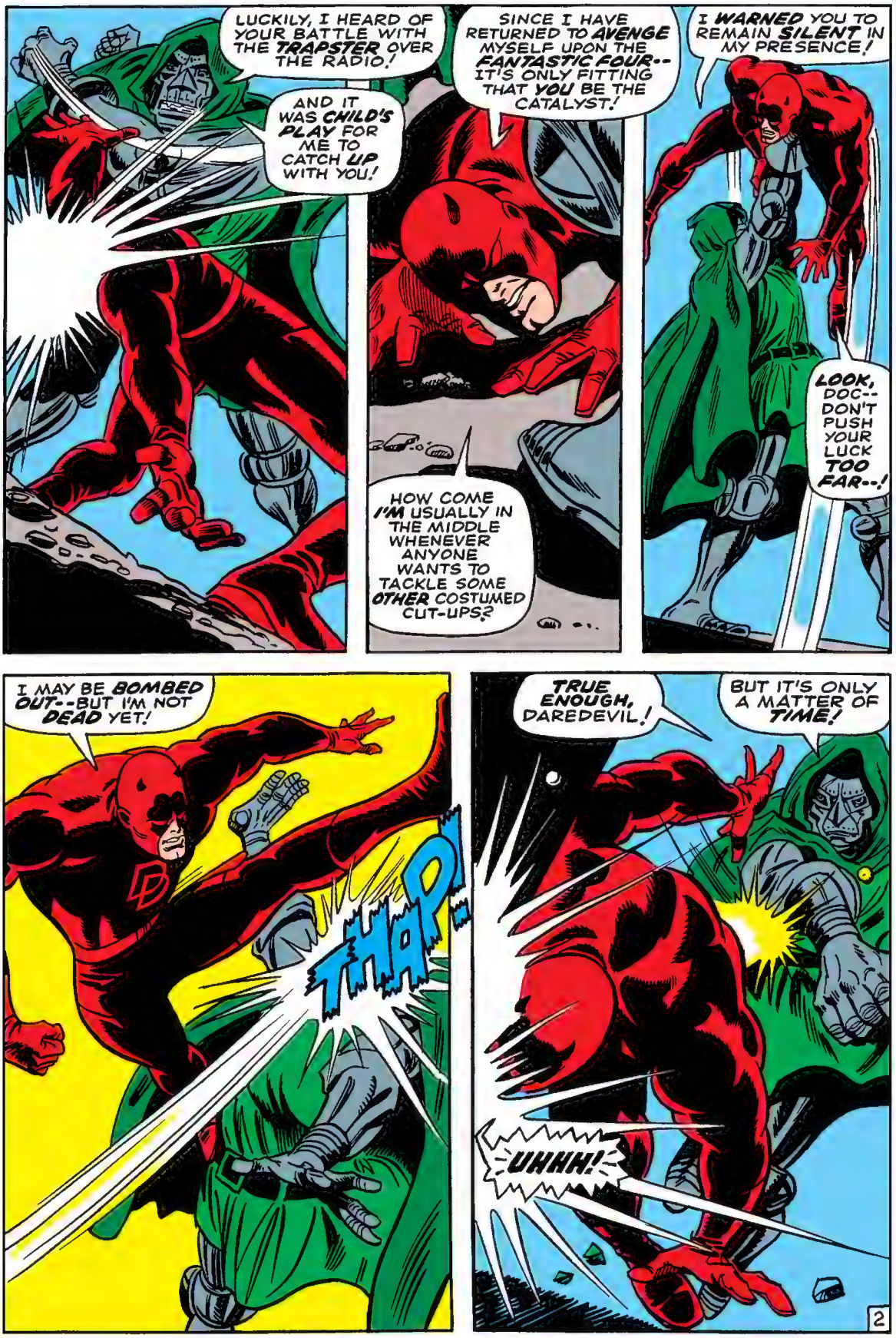
LUCKILY, I HEARD OF YOUR BATTLE WITH THE TRAPSTER OVER THE RADIO!
AND IT WAS CHILD'S PLAY FOR ME TO CATCH UP WITH YOU!
SINCE I HAVE RETURNED TO AVENGE MYSELF UPON THE FANTASTIC FOUR-- IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT YOU BE THE CATALYST!
HOW COME I'M USUALLY IN THE MIDDLE WHENEVER ANYONE WANTS TO TACKLE SOME OTHER COSTUMED CUT-UPS?
I WARNED YOU TO REMAIN SILENT IN MY PRESENCE!
LOOK, DOC-- DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK TOO FAR--!
I MAY BE BOMBED OUT--BUT I'M NOT DEAD YET!
THAP!
TRUE ENOUGH, DAREDEVIL!
BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME!
UHHH!
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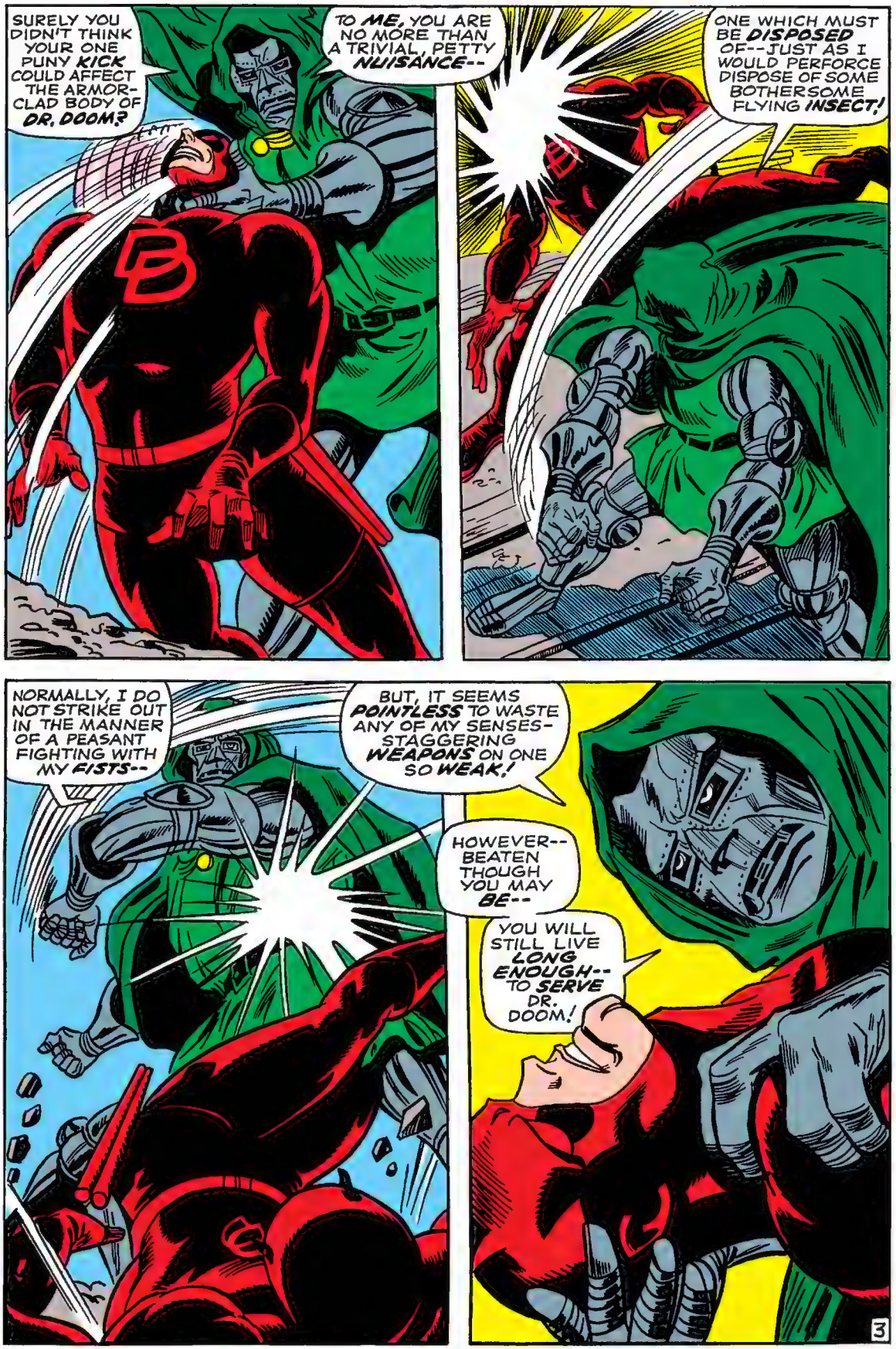
SURELY YOU DIDN'T THINK YOUR ONE PUNY KICK COULD AFFECT THE ARMOR-CLAD BODY OF DR. DOOM?
TO ME, YOU ARE NO MORE THAN A TRIVIAL, PETTY NUISANCE--
ONE WHICH MUST BE DISPOSED OF--JUST AS I WOULD PERFORCE DISPOSE OF SOME BOTHERSOME FLYING INSECT!
NORMALLY, I DO NOT STRIKE OUT IN THE MANNER OF A PEASANT FIGHTING WITH MY FISTS--
BUT, IT SEEMS POINTLESS TO WASTE ANY OF MY SENSES-STAGGERING WEAPONS ON ONE SO WEAK!
HOWEVER--BEATEN THOUGH YOU MAY BE--
YOU WILL STILL LIVE LONG ENOUGH--TO SERVE DR. DOOM!
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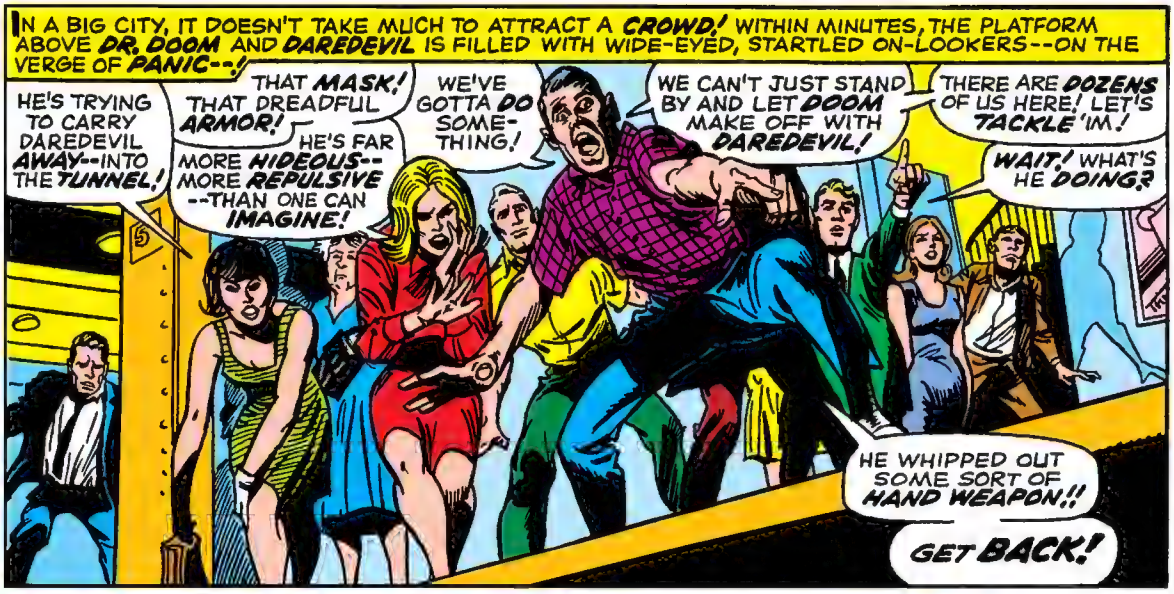
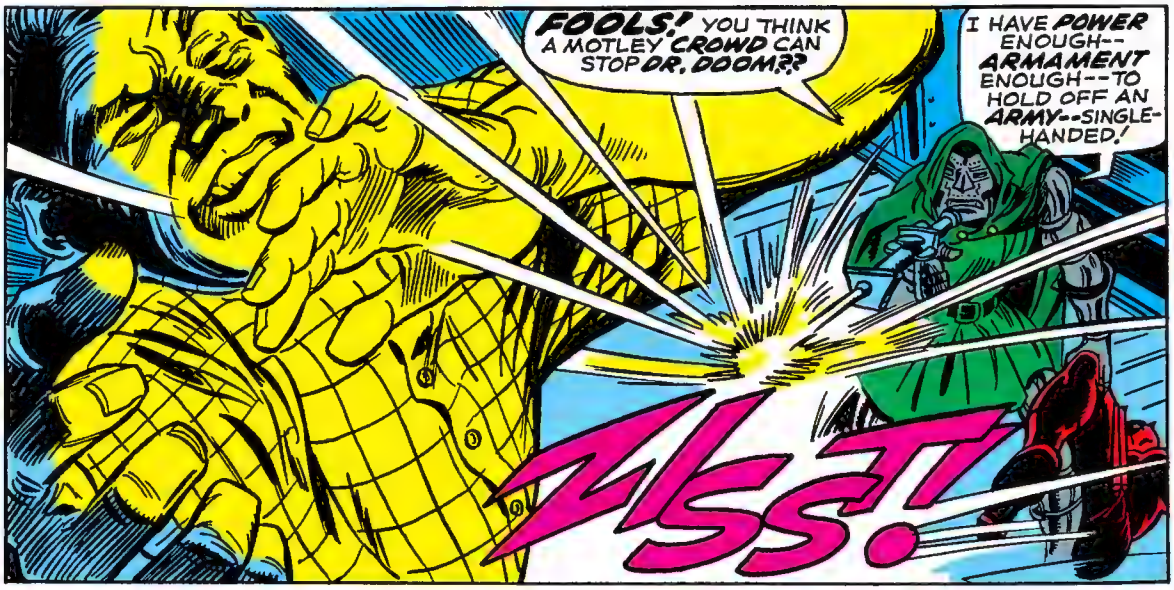
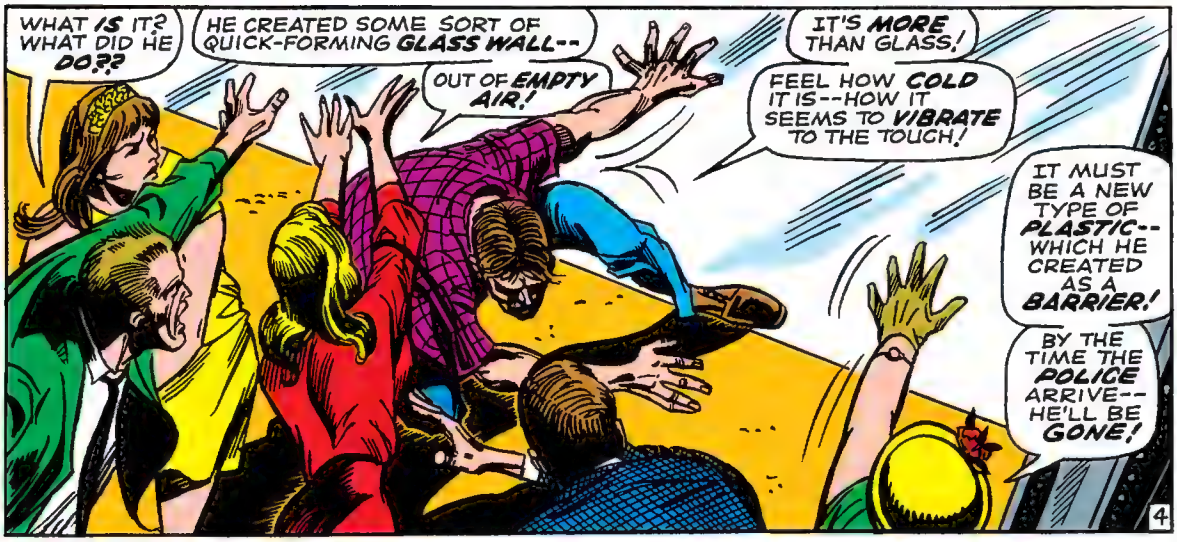
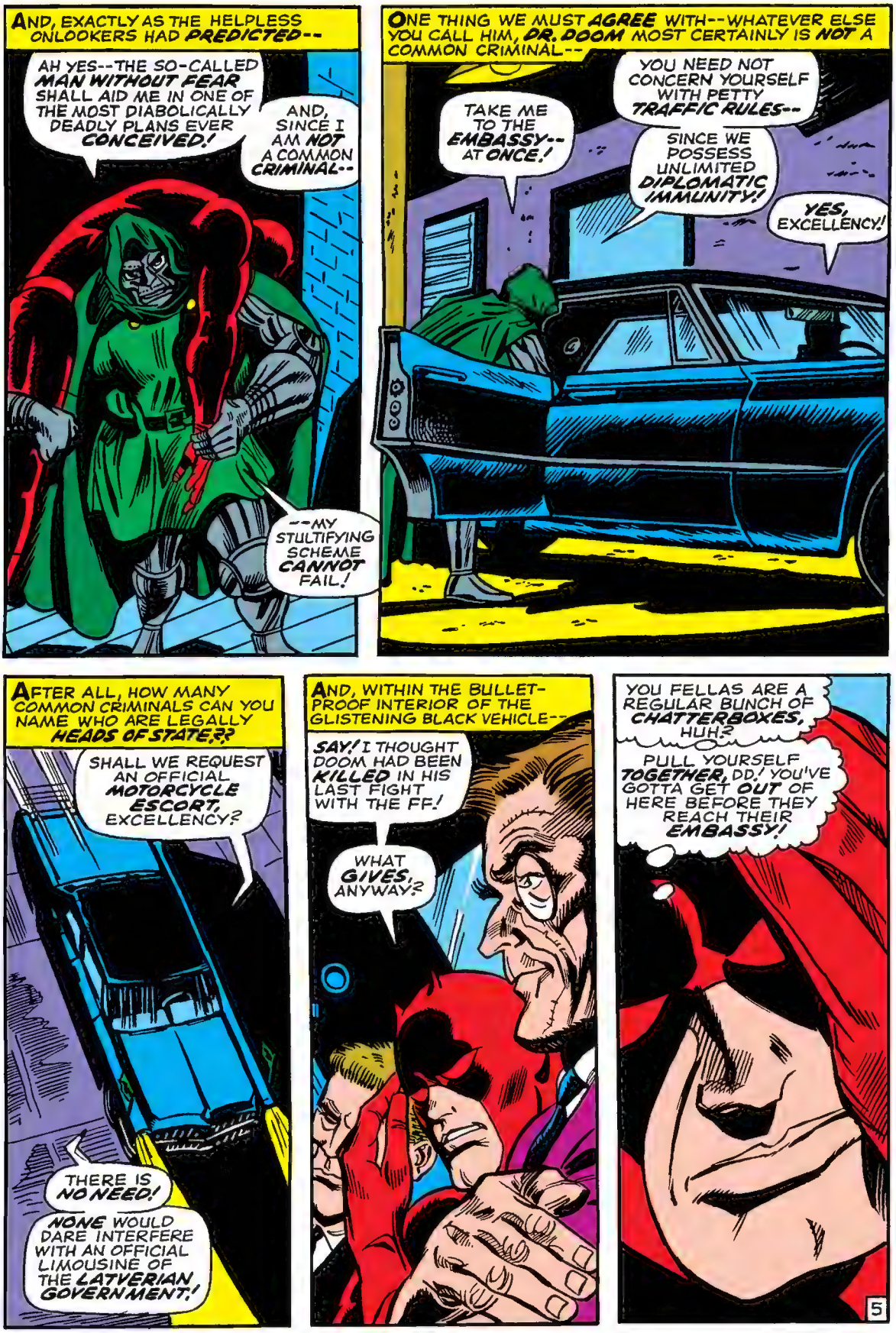

IN A BIG CITY, IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO ATTRACT A CROWD! WITHIN MINUTES, THE PLATFORM ABOVE DR. DOOM AND DAREDEVIL IS FILLED WITH WIDE-EYED, STARTLED ON-LOOKERS--ON THE VERGE OF PANIC--!
HE'S TRYING TO CARRY DAREDEVIL AWAY--INTO THE TUNNEL!
THAT MASK! THAT DREADFUL ARMOR!
HE'S FAR MORE HIDEOUS--MORE REPULSIVE --THAN ONE CAN IMAGINE!
WE'VE GOTTA DO SOME-THING!
WE CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND LET DOOM MAKE OFF WITH DAREDEVIL!
THERE ARE DOZENS OF US HERE! LET'S TACKLE 'IM!
WAIT! WHAT'S HE DOING?
HE WHIPPED OUT SOME SORT OF HAND WEAPON!!
GET BACK!


FOOLS! YOU THINK A MOTLEY CROWD CAN STOP DR. DOOM??
I HAVE POWER ENOUGH--ARMAMENT ENOUGH--TO HOLD OFF AN ARMY--SINGLE-HANDED!
ZLSS!


WHAT IS IT? WHAT DID HE DO??
HE CREATED SOME SORT OF QUICK-FORMING GLASS WALL--
OUT OF EMPTY AIR!
IT'S MORE THAN GLASS!
FEEL HOW COLD IT IS--HOW IT SEEMS TO VIBRATE TO THE TOUCH!
IT MUST BE A NEW TYPE OF PLASTIC--WHICH HE CREATED AS A BARRIER!
BY THE TIME THE POLICE ARRIVE--HE'LL BE GONE!


AND, EXACTLY AS THE HELPLESS ONLOOKERS HAD PREDICTED--
AH YES--THE SO-CALLED MAN WITHOUT FEAR SHALL AID ME IN ONE OF THE MOST DIABOLICALLY DEADLY PLANS EVER CONCEIVED!
AND, SINCE I AM NOT A COMMON CRIMINAL--
--MY STULTIFYING SCHEME CANNOT FAIL!
ONE THING WE MUST AGREE WITH--WHATEVER ELSE YOU CALL HIM, DR. DOOM MOST CERTAINLY IS NOT A COMMON CRIMINAL--
TAKE ME TO THE EMBASSY-- AT ONCE!
YOU NEED NOT CONCERN YOURSELF WITH PETTY TRAFFIC RULES--
SINCE WE POSSESS UNLIMITED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY!
YES, EXCELLENCY!
AFTER ALL, HOW MANY COMMON CRIMINALS CAN YOU NAME WHO ARE LEGALLY HEADS OF STATE?!?
SHALL WE REQUEST AN OFFICIAL MOTORCYCLE ESCORT, EXCELLENCY?
THERE IS NO NEED!
NONE WOULD DARE INTERFERE WITH AN OFFICIAL LIMOUSINE OF THE LATVERIAN GOVERNMENT!
AND, WITHIN THE BULLET-PROOF INTERIOR OF THE GLISTENING BLACK VEHICLE--
SAY! I THOUGHT DOOM HAD BEEN KILLED IN HIS LAST FIGHT WITH THE FF!
WHAT GIVES, ANYWAY?
YOU FELLAS ARE A REGULAR BUNCH OF CHATTERBOXES, HUH?
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, DD! YOU'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY REACH THEIR EMBASSY!
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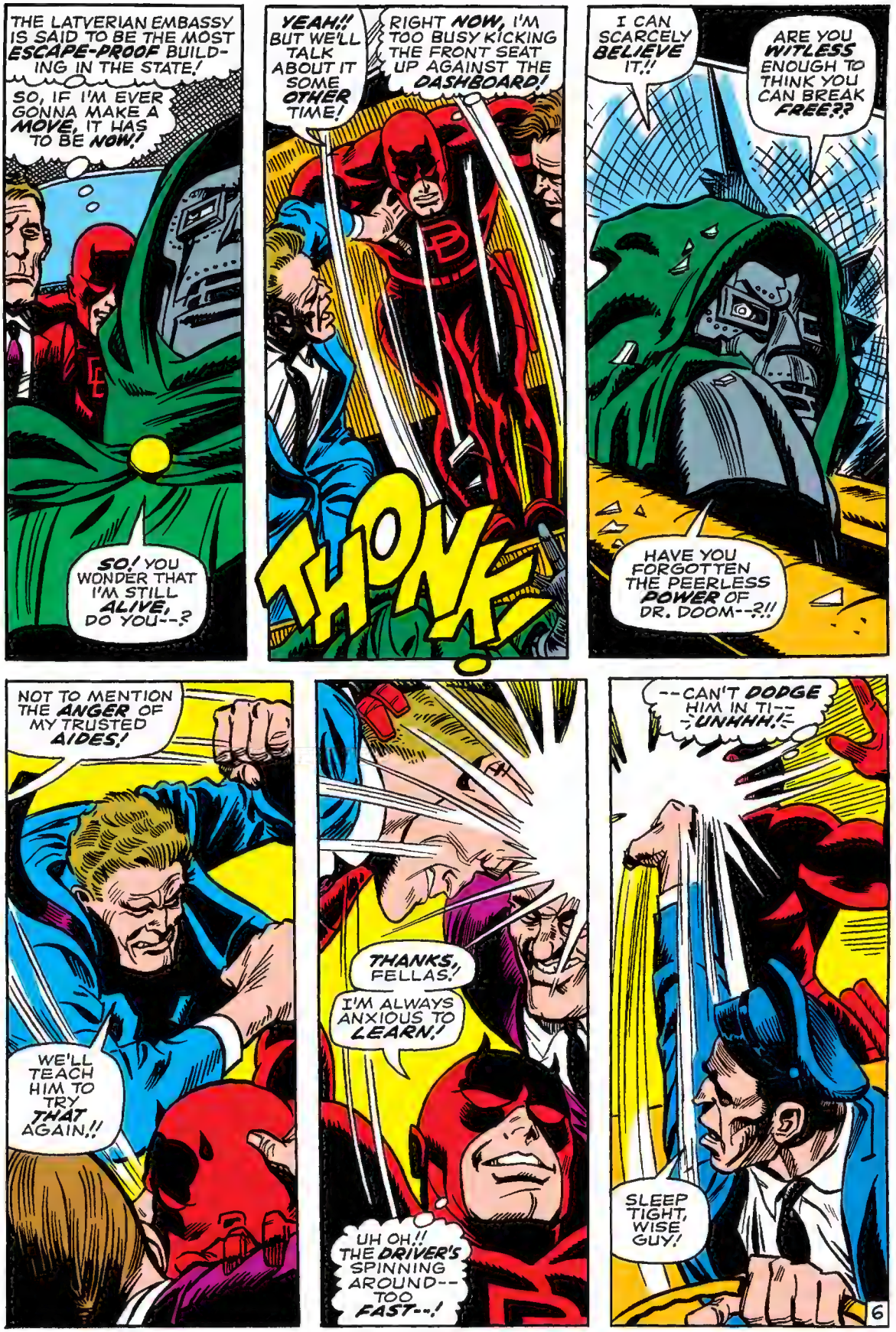
THE LATVERIAN EMBASSY IS SAID TO BE THE MOST ESCAPE-PROOF BUILDING IN THE STATE!
SO, IF I'M EVER GONNA MAKE A MOVE, IT HAS TO BE NOW!
SO! YOU WONDER THAT I'M STILL ALIVE, DO YOU--?
YEAH!! BUT WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT SOME OTHER TIME!
RIGHT NOW, I'M TOO BUSY KICKING THE FRONT SEAT UP AGAINST THE DASHBOARD!
THONK!
I CAN SCARCELY BELIEVE IT!!
ARE YOU WITLESS ENOUGH TO THINK YOU CAN BREAK FREE??
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE PEERLESS POWER OF DR. DOOM--?!!
NOT TO MENTION THE ANGER OF MY TRUSTED AIDES!
WE'LL TEACH HIM TO TRY THAT AGAIN!!
THANKS, FELLAS!
I'M ALWAYS ANXIOUS TO LEARN!
UH OH!! THE DRIVER'S SPINNING AROUND-- TOO FAST--!
--CAN'T DODGE HIM IN TI--
--UNHHH!--
SLEEP TIGHT, WISE GUY!
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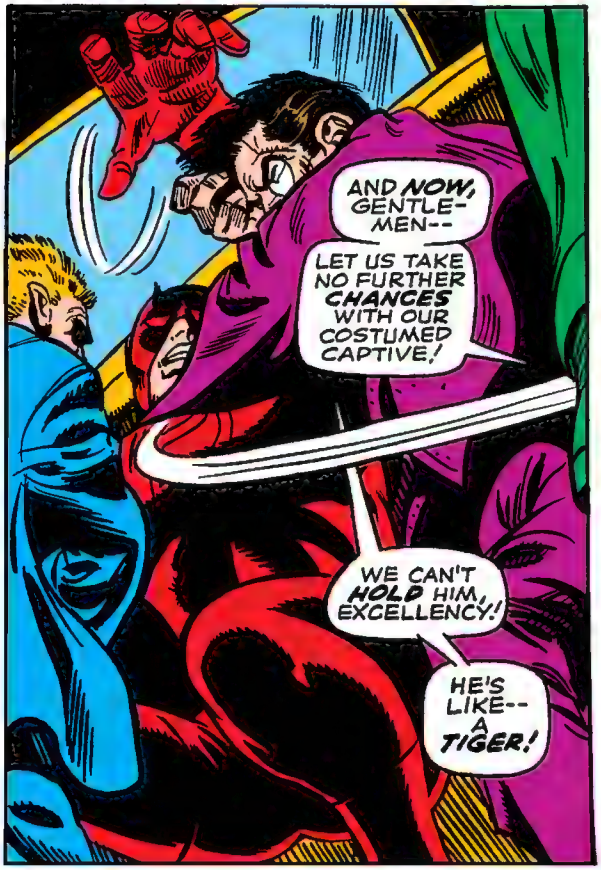
DRIVER! HEY! HE ROLLED WITH THE PUNCH.!!
HE GRABBED MY HAND!!
DON'T.!! LEGGO!! LOOK OUT-- WE'RE GONNA CRASH!!
SKREEEE

THERE IS NO NEED FOR PANIC.!
BUT THEN, CALMLY-- UNHURRIEDLY-- DR. DOOM REACHES OUT, AND--
IT IS SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR ME TO SEIZE THE WHEEL WHILE WE PACIFY OUR GUEST.!
YOU-- GRABBED IT-- JUST IN TIME.!


AND NOW, GENTLE-MEN--
LET US TAKE NO FURTHER CHANCES WITH OUR COSTUMED CAPTIVE.!
WE CAN'T HOLD HIM, EXCELLENCY!
HE'S LIKE-- A TIGER!

HE KEEPS JOSTLING THE DRIVER--TRYING TO PUT THE VEHICLE OUT OF CONTROL.!
I COULD EASILY END HIS FUTILE RESISTANCE--
BUT I HAVE NO WISH TO HARM HIM-- NOT YET.!

BUT, THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SKIN A CAT!
KLIK!
SINCE WE HAVE REACHED OUR DESTINATION, I WILL ACTIVATE THE JET BRAKES!!
SHOOSH!
THEIR BLISTERING FORCE IS SURE TO SHATTER THE CONCRETE ROAD--
BUT IT IS SIMPLE ENOUGH TO HAVE A ROAD REBUILT!
SCREEECH!
SKRAKK!
ONE MORE MOVE AND I SHOOT!!
NO NEED FOR THAT!
WE HAVE ARRIVED!
FOR THE LUVVA PETE!!
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE CAUSED THAT?!!
BEATS ME, CHARLIE!
I COULDA SWORN THIS ROAD WAS OKAY JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO!
QUICKLY--AROUND THE BACK!
WE DO NOT WANT THE AMERICAN POLICE TO SEE OUR UNWILLING PASSENGER!
DO YOU THINK DOOM'S CAR COULD HAVE--?
NAH! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
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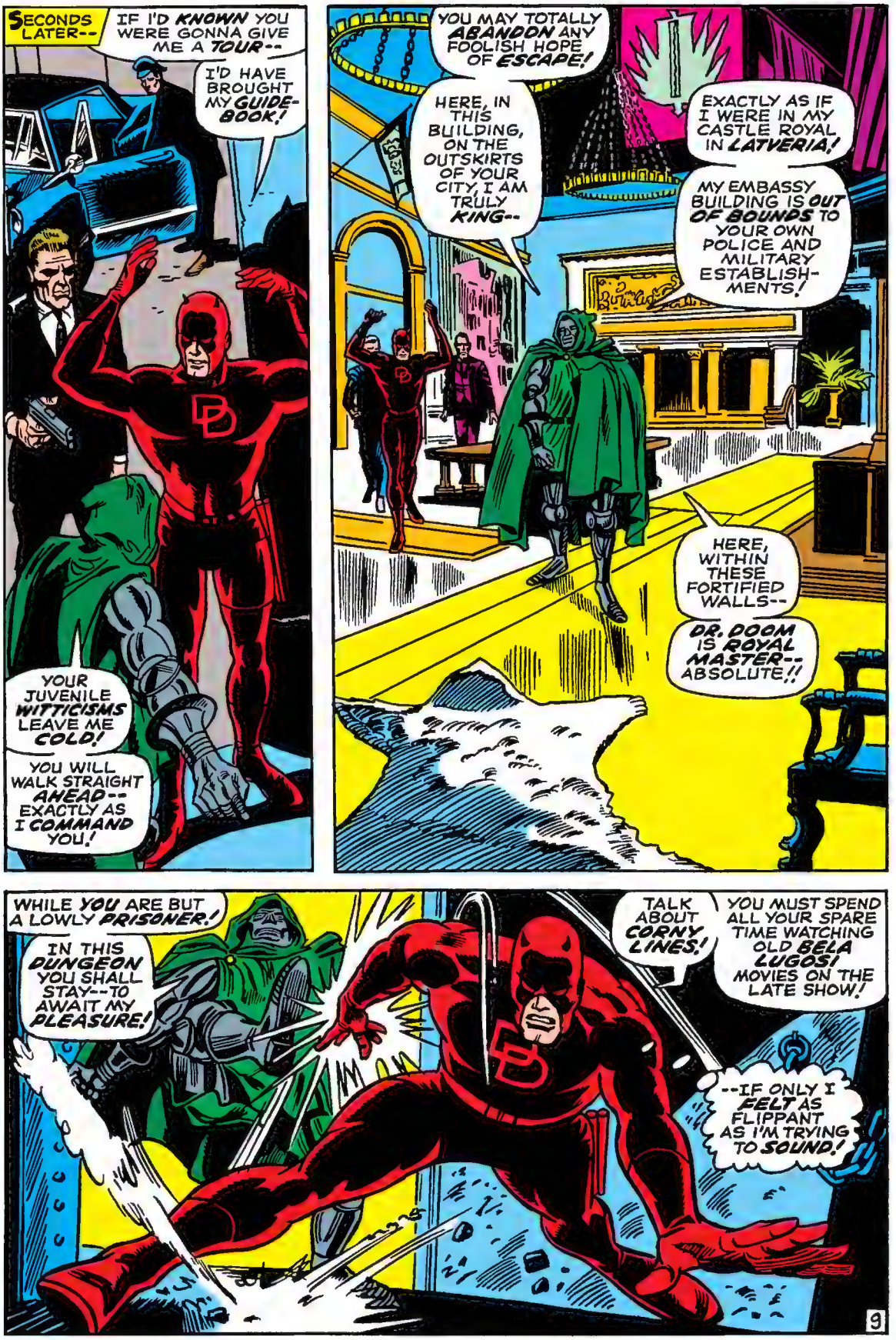
SECONDS LATER--
IF I'D KNOWN YOU WERE GONNA GIVE ME A TOUR--
I'D HAVE BROUGHT MY GUIDE-BOOK!
YOUR JUVENILE WITTICISMS LEAVE ME COLD!
YOU WILL WALK STRAIGHT AHEAD-- EXACTLY AS I COMMAND YOU!
YOU MAY TOTALLY ABANDON ANY FOOLISH HOPE OF ESCAPE!
HERE, IN THIS BUILDING, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF YOUR CITY, I AM TRULY KING--
EXACTLY AS IF I WERE IN MY CASTLE ROYAL IN LATVERIA!
MY EMBASSY BUILDING IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO YOUR OWN POLICE AND MILITARY ESTABLISH-MENTS!
HERE, WITHIN THESE FORTIFIED WALLS--
DR. DOOM IS ROYAL MASTER-- ABSOLUTE!!
WHILE YOU ARE BUT A LOWLY PRISONER!
IN THIS DUNGEON YOU SHALL STAY--TO AWAIT MY PLEASURE!
TALK ABOUT CORNY LINES!
YOU MUST SPEND ALL YOUR SPARE TIME WATCHING OLD BELA LUGOS! MOVIES ON THE LATE SHOW!
--IF ONLY I FELT AS FLIPPANT AS I'M TRYING TO SOUND!
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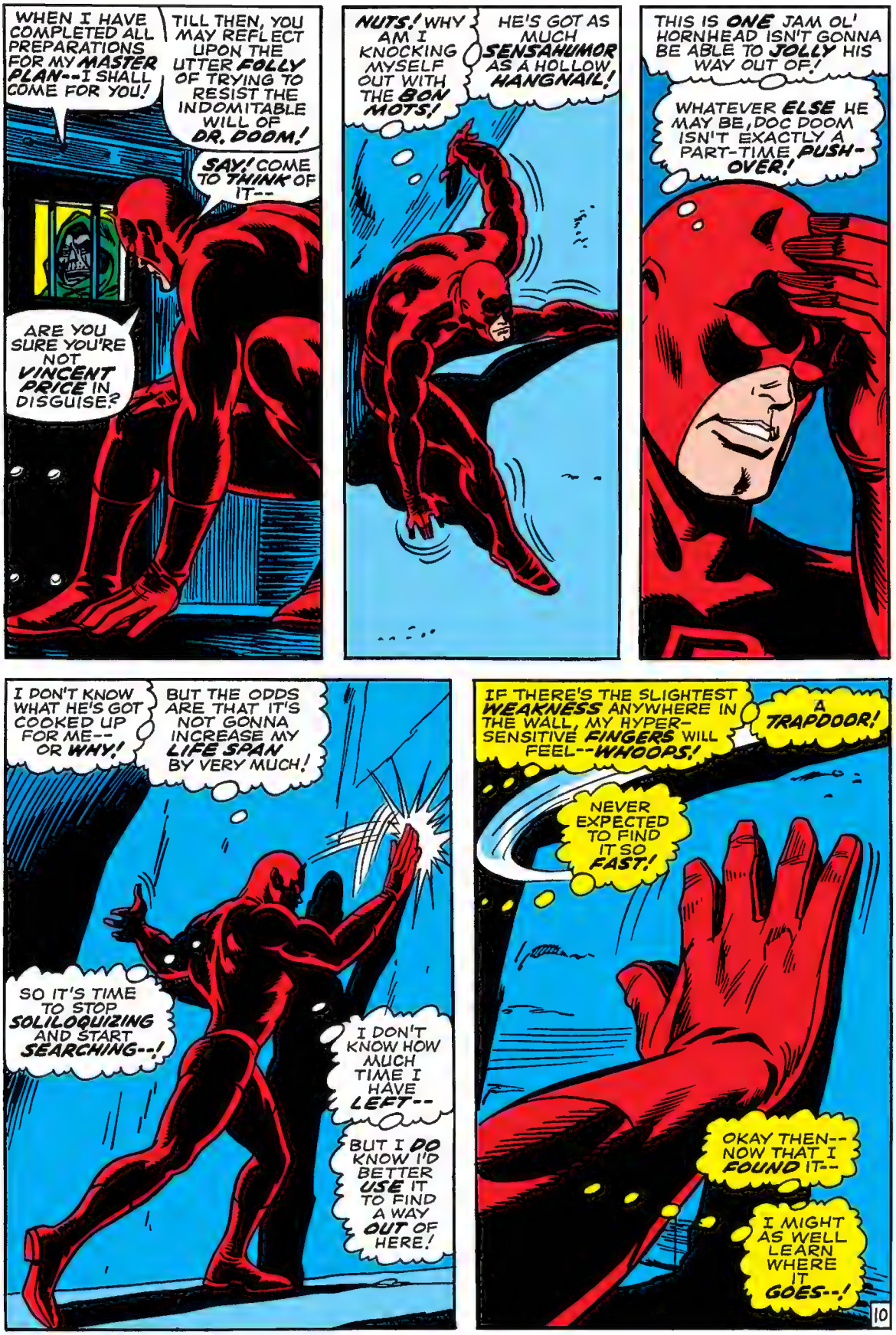
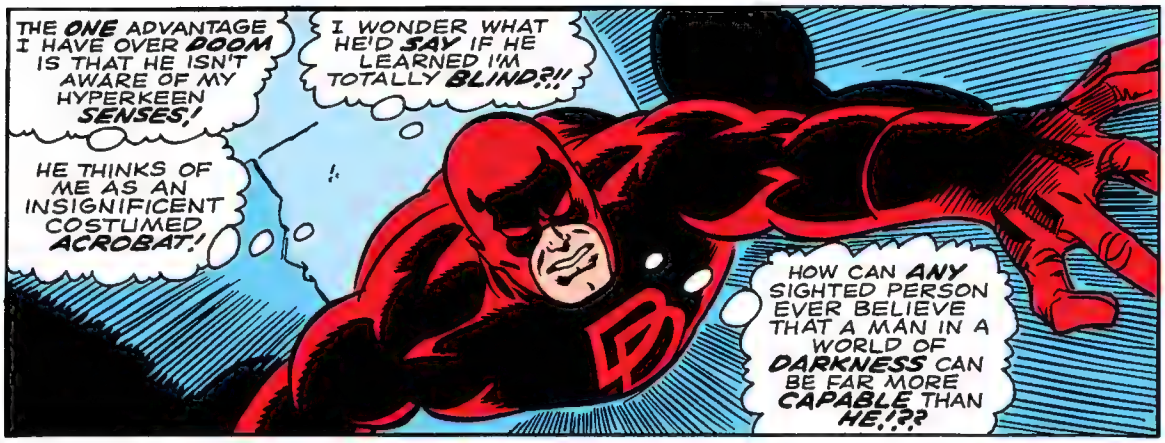
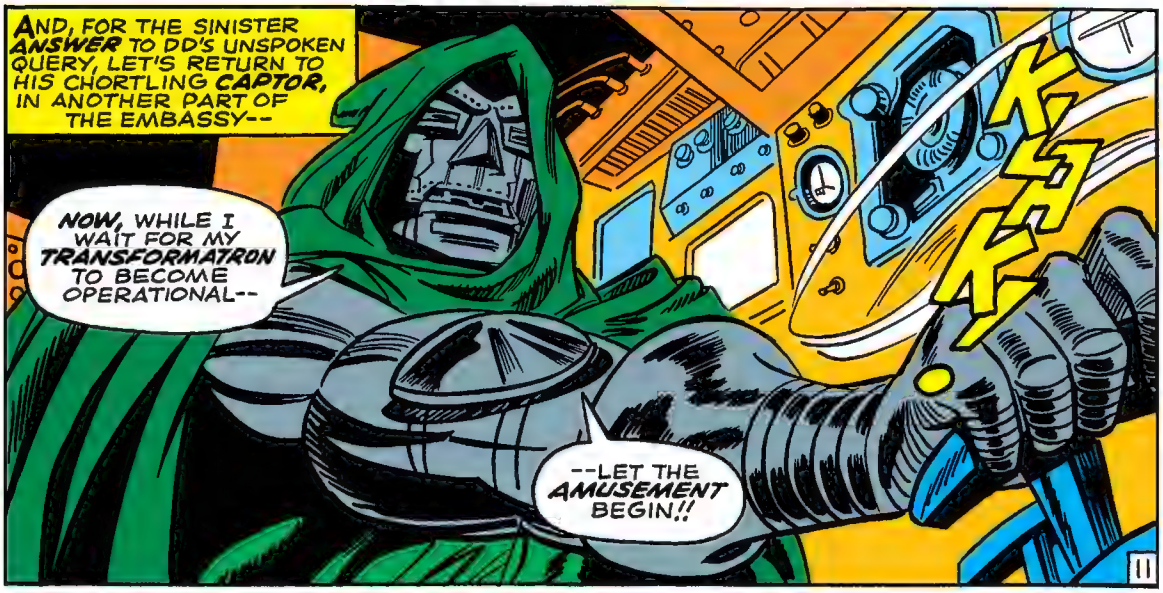
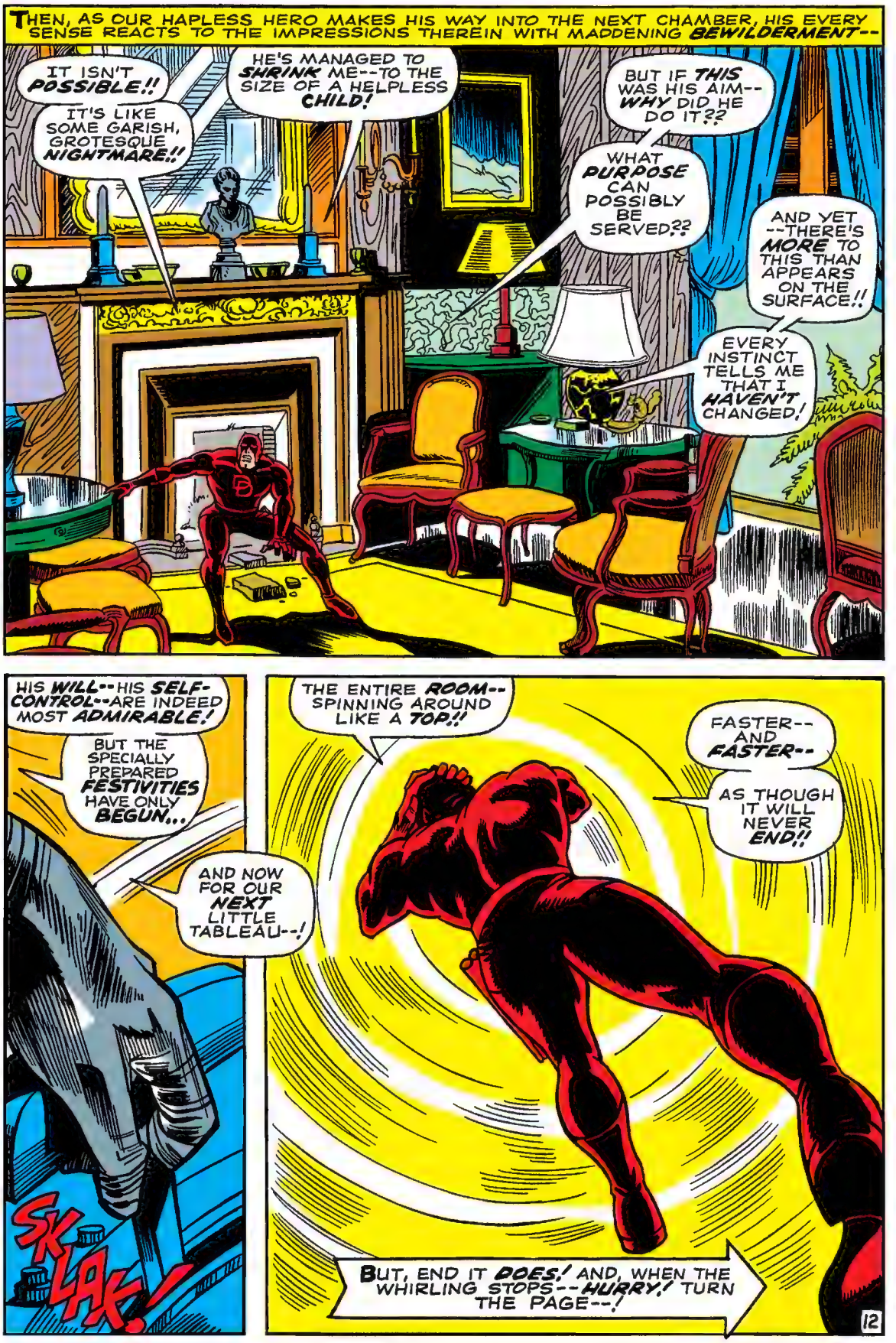

WHEN I HAVE COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR MY MASTER PLAN--I SHALL COME FOR YOU!
TILL THEN, YOU MAY REFLECT UPON THE UTTER FOLLY OF TRYING TO RESIST THE INDOMITABLE WILL OF DR. DOOM!
SAY! COME TO THINK OF IT--
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT VINCENT PRICE IN DISGUISE?
NUTS! WHY AM I KNOCKING MYSELF OUT WITH THE BON MOTS!
HE'S GOT AS MUCH SENSAHUMOR AS A HOLLOW HANGNAIL!
THIS IS ONE JAM OL' HORNHEAD ISN'T GONNA BE ABLE TO JOLLY HIS WAY OUT OF!
WHATEVER ELSE HE MAY BE, DOC DOOM ISN'T EXACTLY A PART-TIME PUSH-OVER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S GOT COOKED UP FOR ME-- OR WHY!
BUT THE ODDS ARE THAT IT'S NOT GONNA INCREASE MY LIFE SPAN BY VERY MUCH!
SO IT'S TIME TO STOP SOLILOQUIZING AND START SEARCHING--!
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME I HAVE LEFT--
BUT I DO KNOW I'D BETTER USE IT TO FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE!
IF THERE'S THE SLIGHTEST WEAKNESS ANYWHERE IN THE WALL, MY HYPER-SENSITIVE FINGERS WILL FEEL--WHOOPS!
A TRAPDOOR!
NEVER EXPECTED TO FIND IT SO FAST!
OKAY THEN-- NOW THAT I FOUND IT--
I MIGHT AS WELL LEARN WHERE IT GOES--!


THE ONE ADVANTAGE I HAVE OVER DOOM IS THAT HE ISN'T AWARE OF MY HYPERKEEN SENSES!
I WONDER WHAT HE'D SAY IF HE LEARNED I'M TOTALLY BLIND?!!
HE THINKS OF ME AS AN INSIGNIFICENT COSTUMED ACROBAT!
HOW CAN ANY SIGHTED PERSON EVER BELIEVE THAT A MAN IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS CAN BE FAR MORE CAPABLE THAN HE!??

EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T SEE THE SHAFT OF LIGHT AHEAD--
I CAN FEEL ITS WARMTH-- WHILE MY RADAR SENSE PINPOINTS ITS EXACT LOCATION!

I WAS RIGHT! IT'S FROM BEHIND THIS LOOSE STONE--!
BUT, AM I REALLY ESCAPING-- OR--??


AND, FOR THE SINISTER ANSWER TO DD'S UNSPOKEN QUERY, LET'S RETURN TO HIS CHORTLING CAPTOR, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE EMBASSY--
NOW, WHILE I WAIT FOR MY TRANSFORMATRON TO BECOME OPERATIONAL--
--LET THE AMUSEMENT BEGIN!!
KLAK


THEN, AS OUR HAPLESS HERO MAKES HIS WAY INTO THE NEXT CHAMBER, HIS EVERY SENSE REACTS TO THE IMPRESSIONS THEREIN WITH MADDENING BEWILDERMENT--
IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!!
IT'S LIKE SOME GARISH, GROTESQUE NIGHTMARE!!
HE'S MANAGED TO SHRINK ME--TO THE SIZE OF A HELPLESS CHILD!
BUT IF THIS WAS HIS AIM--WHY DID HE DO IT??
WHAT PURPOSE CAN POSSIBLY BE SERVED??
AND YET --THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN APPEARS ON THE SURFACE!!
EVERY INSTINCT TELLS ME THAT I HAVEN'T CHANGED!
HIS WILL--HIS SELF-CONTROL--ARE INDEED MOST ADMIRABLE!
BUT THE SPECIALLY PREPARED FESTIVITIES HAVE ONLY BEGUN...
AND NOW FOR OUR NEXT LITTLE TABLEAU--!
SK LAK!
THE ENTIRE ROOM--SPINNING AROUND LIKE A TOP!!
FASTER--AND FASTER--
AS THOUGH IT WILL NEVER END!!
BUT, END IT DOES! AND, WHEN THE WHIRLING STOPS--HURRY! TURN THE PAGE--!
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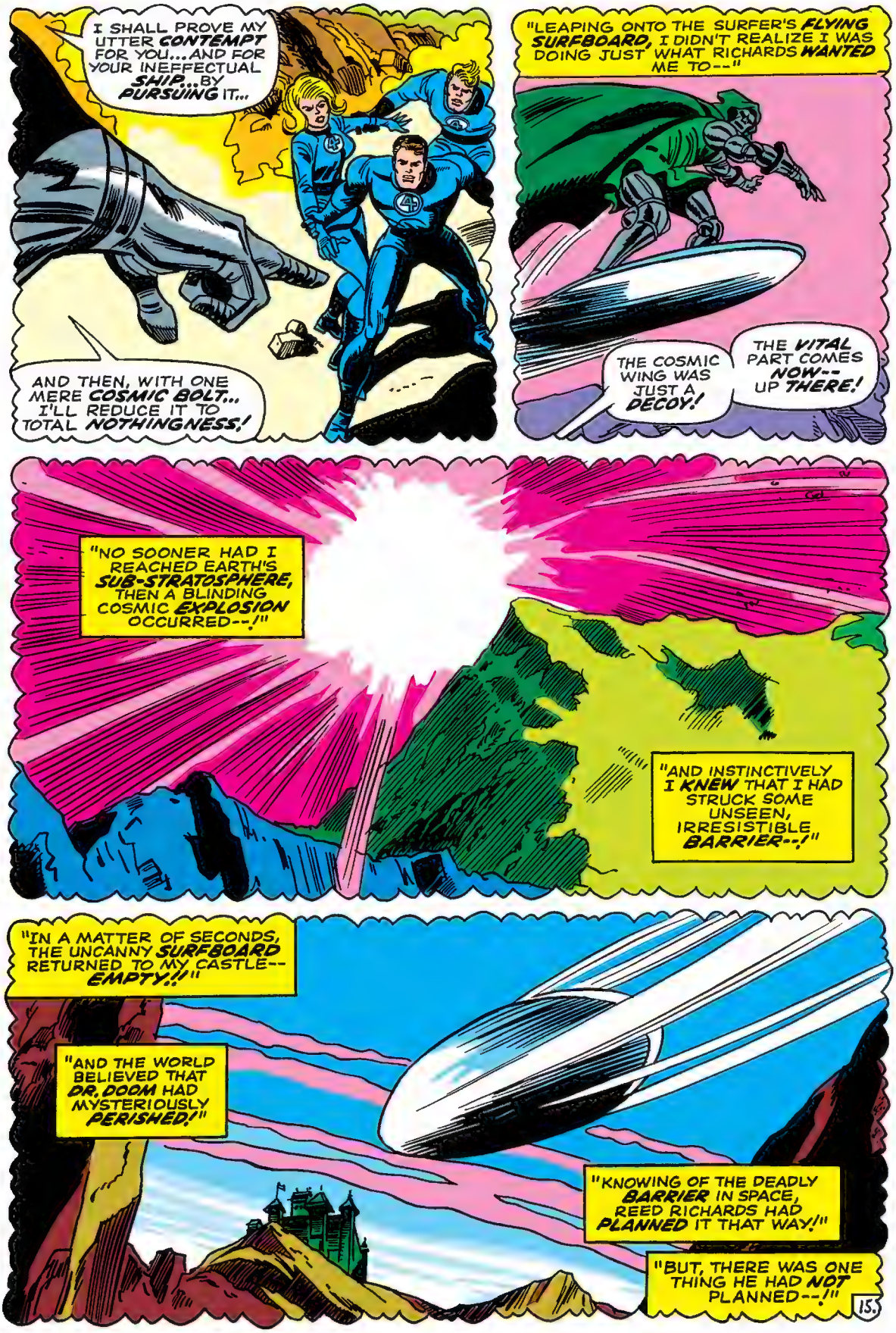
ACCORDING TO MY RADAR SENSE--
I-I'M STANDING UPRIGHT--FROM THE CEILING!
EVERY-THING IS UPSIDE-DOWN!
THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER--

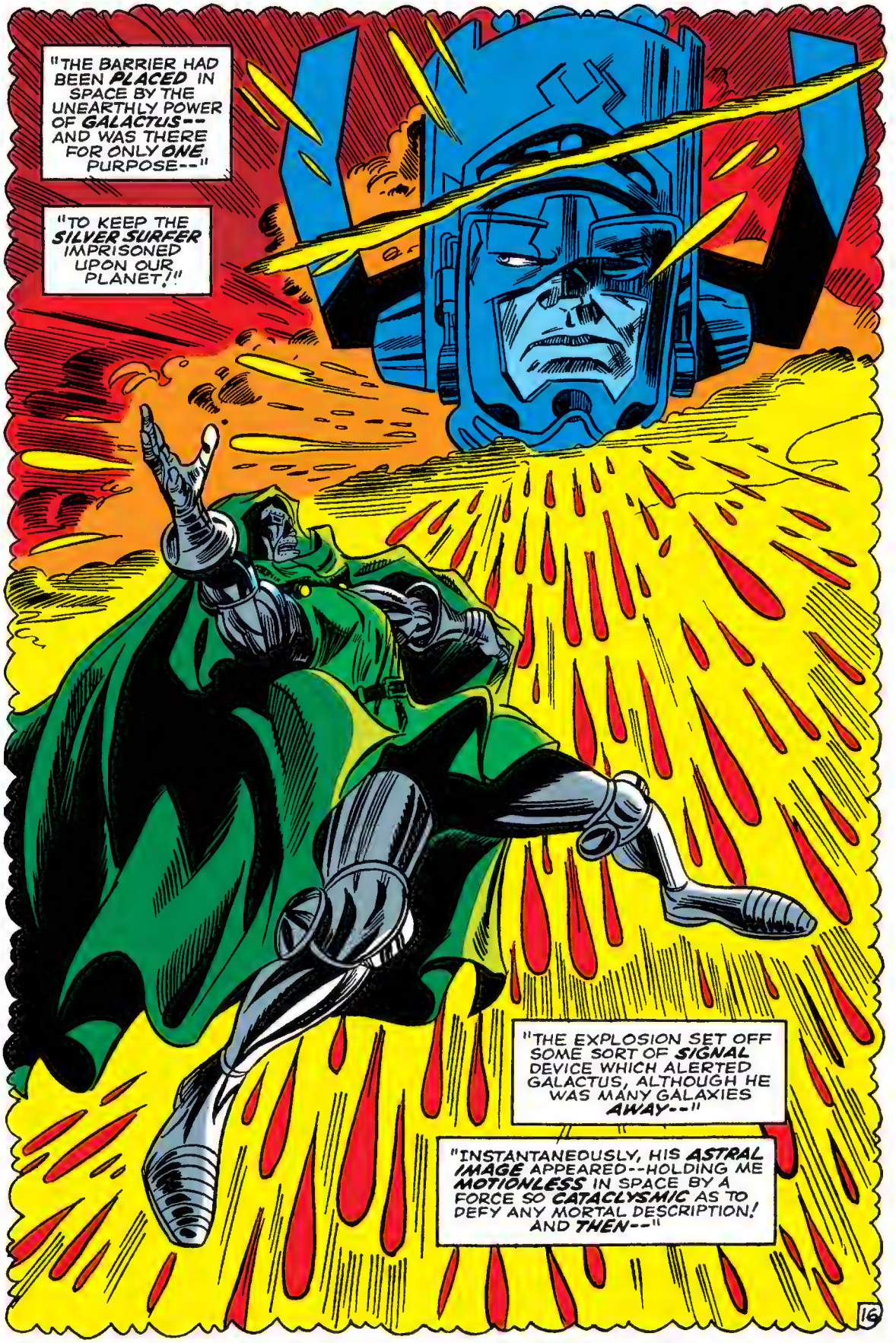
IT'S SOME SORT OF WILD SCHEME-- CONCOCTED BY DR. DOOM--
BUT I WON'T LET-- WAIT!!
EVERYTHING IS CHANGING!! THE ROOM SEEMS TO BE RIGHTING ITSELF--!
IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK MY WILL!
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T SEE IT--
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT'S A TRICK--
MY BRAIN STILL SEEMS ABOUT TO SNAP!

AND, AS THE TORMENTING SECONDS SPEED BY--
I KEEP FALLING BACK--AS THOUGH I'M PLUNGING UP, TO THE CEILING!
HOLD ON, D.D.!--YOU CAN TAKE IT! YOU CAN--!!
I WON'T-- LET IT-- DRIVE ME MAD--!
I MUST--KEEP REMEMBERING-- IT'S JUST AN ILLUSION--!

THEN, SUDDENLY--
EVERY-THING STOPPED!!
THE ROOM IS--BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN!
BUT NOW-- I SEEM TO HEAR--
THE SOUND OF MUFFLED LAUGHTER!!

AN ADMIRABLE PERFORMANCE, DAREDEVIL!
A LESSER MAN MIGHT HAVE CRUMBLED BENEATH THE STRAIN!
DOOM! YOU WERE WATCHING IT ALL!
OF COURSE! AND NOW--MORE THAN EVER--
I KNOW I HAVE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE!
WITH YOUR UNWITTING HELP--
I CANNOT FAIL TO CRUSH THE ACCURSED FANTASTIC FOUR!
THAT'S WHAT THE TRAPSTER SAID--
AND LOOK AT HIM NOW!
YOU FOOL! YOU DARE COMPARE ME WITH SOME ORDINARY COSTUMED CRIMINAL?!!
ME--WHOM THE WORLD FAMOUS MR. FANTASTIC, WITH ALL HIS SCIENTIFIC PROWESS--COULD NOT DESTROY!
I REMEMBER OUR LAST ENCOUNTER AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY!
HE USED HIS MOST POTENT FLYING WEAPON AGAINST ME--
MY STRENGTH... BEGINNING TO EBB....!
MY ANTI-COSMIC FLYING WING DIDN'T FAIL US!*
*CONDENSED FROM FANTASTIC FOUR #60--TO PROVE WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN! --SQUARE-SHOOTIN' STAN.
IT... STAGGERED ME... BUT IT COULDN'T DOWN ME....!!
MY COSMIC POWER* IS STILL TOO GREAT FOR YOU!
EVEN NOW--MY STRENGTH HAS RETURNED TO ITS MATCHLESS PEAK--!!
*DOC IS REFERRING, OF COURSE, TO THE AWESOME COSMIC POWER HE HAD STOLEN FROM THE SILVER SURFER! AND NOW, YOU'RE AS WELL-INFORMED AS WE--WHICH ISN'T SAYING MUCH! --SMILEY


I SHALL PROVE MY UTTER CONTEMPT FOR YOU... AND FOR YOUR INEFFECTUAL SHIP... BY PURSUING IT...
AND THEN, WITH ONE MERE COSMIC BOLT... I'LL REDUCE IT TO TOTAL NOTHINGNESS!
"LEAPING ONTO THE SURFER'S FLYING SURFBOARD, I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS DOING JUST WHAT RICHARDS WANTED ME TO--"
THE COSMIC WING WAS JUST A DECOY!
THE VITAL PART COMES NOW-- UP THERE!
"NO SOONER HAD I REACHED EARTH'S SUB-STRATOSPHERE, THEN A BLINDING COSMIC EXPLOSION OCCURRED--!"
"AND INSTINCTIVELY I KNEW THAT I HAD STRUCK SOME UNSEEN, IRRESISTIBLE BARRIER--!"
"IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, THE UNCANNY SURFBOARD RETURNED TO MY CASTLE-- EMPTY!!"
"AND THE WORLD BELIEVED THAT DR. DOOM HAD MYSTERIOUSLY PERISHED!"
"KNOWING OF THE DEADLY BARRIER IN SPACE, REED RICHARDS HAD PLANNED IT THAT WAY!"
"BUT, THERE WAS ONE THING HE HAD NOT PLANNED--!"


"THE BARRIER HAD BEEN PLACED IN SPACE BY THE UNEARTHLY POWER OF GALACTUS-- AND WAS THERE FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE--"
"TO KEEP THE SILVER SURFER IMPRISONED UPON OUR PLANET!"
"THE EXPLOSION SET OFF SOME SORT OF SIGNAL DEVICE WHICH ALERTED GALACTUS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS MANY GALAXIES AWAY--"
"INSTANTANEOUSLY, HIS ASTRAL IMAGE APPEARED--HOLDING ME MOTIONLESS IN SPACE BY A FORCE SO CATACLYSMIC AS TO DEFY ANY MORTAL DESCRIPTION! AND THEN--"
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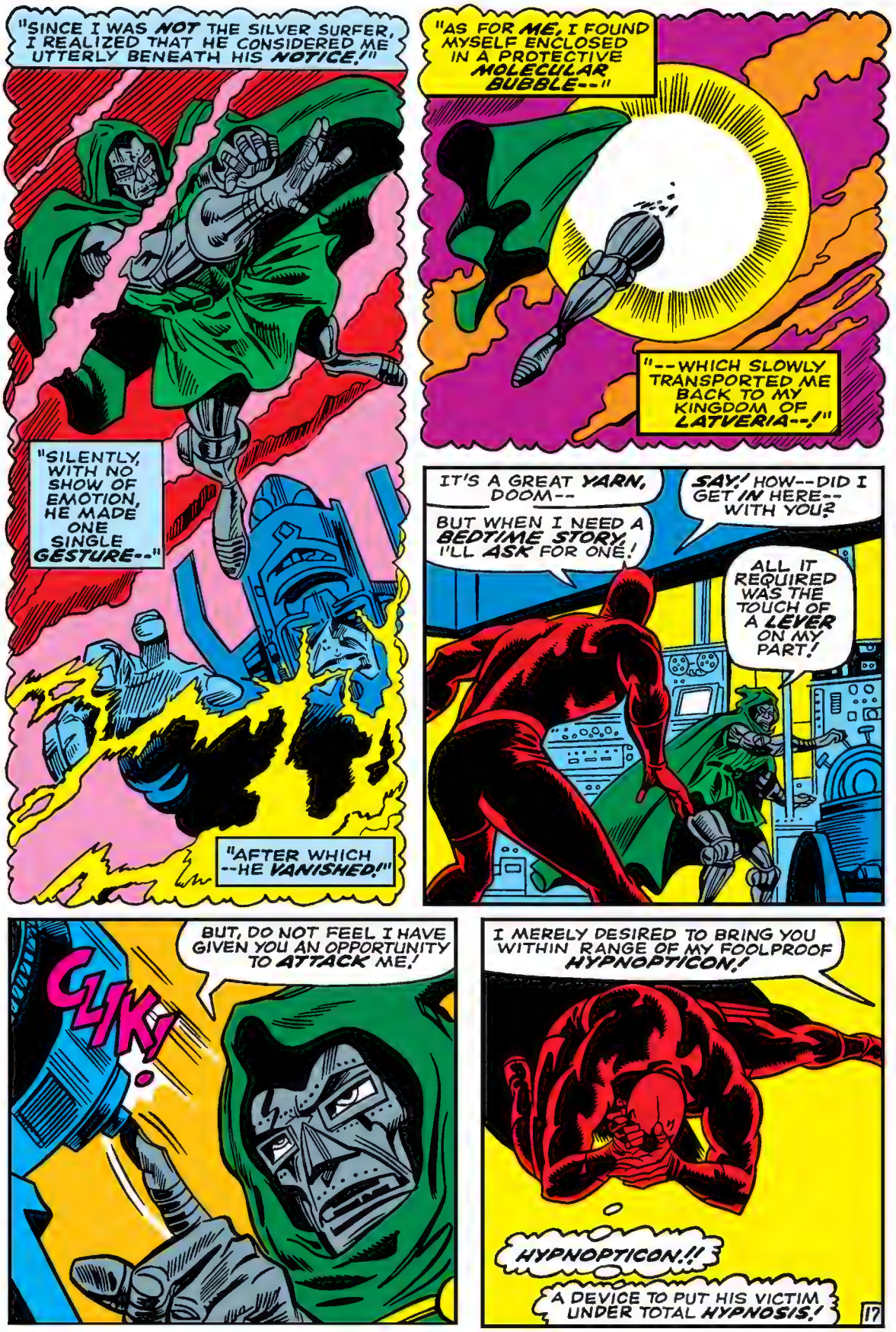
"SINCE I WAS NOT THE SILVER SURFER, I REALIZED THAT HE CONSIDERED ME UTTERLY BENEATH HIS NOTICE!"
"SILENTLY, WITH NO SHOW OF EMOTION, HE MADE ONE SINGLE GESTURE--"
"AFTER WHICH --HE VANISHED!"
"AS FOR ME, I FOUND MYSELF ENCLOSED IN A PROTECTIVE MOLECULAR BUBBLE--!"
"--WHICH SLOWLY TRANSPORTED ME BACK TO MY KINGDOM OF LATVERIA--!"
IT'S A GREAT YARN, DOOM--
BUT WHEN I NEED A BEDTIME STORY, I'LL ASK FOR ONE!
SAY! HOW--DID I GET IN HERE-- WITH YOU?
ALL IT REQUIRED WAS THE TOUCH OF A LEVER ON MY PART!
CLIK!
BUT, DO NOT FEEL I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK ME!
I MERELY DESIRED TO BRING YOU WITHIN RANGE OF MY FOOLPROOF HYPNOPTICON!
HYPNOPTICON!!
A DEVICE TO PUT HIS VICTIM UNDER TOTAL HYPNOSIS!
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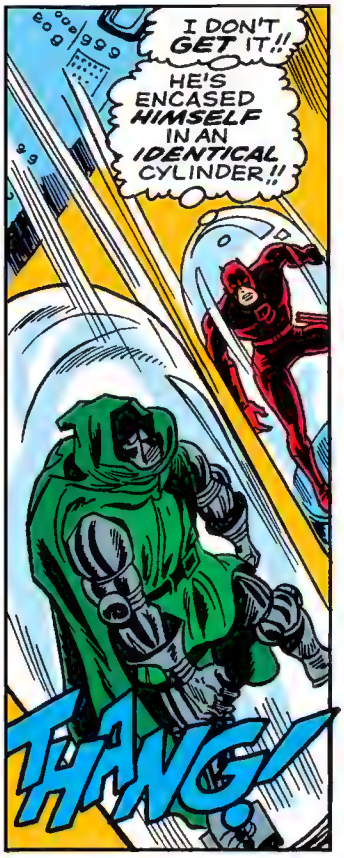
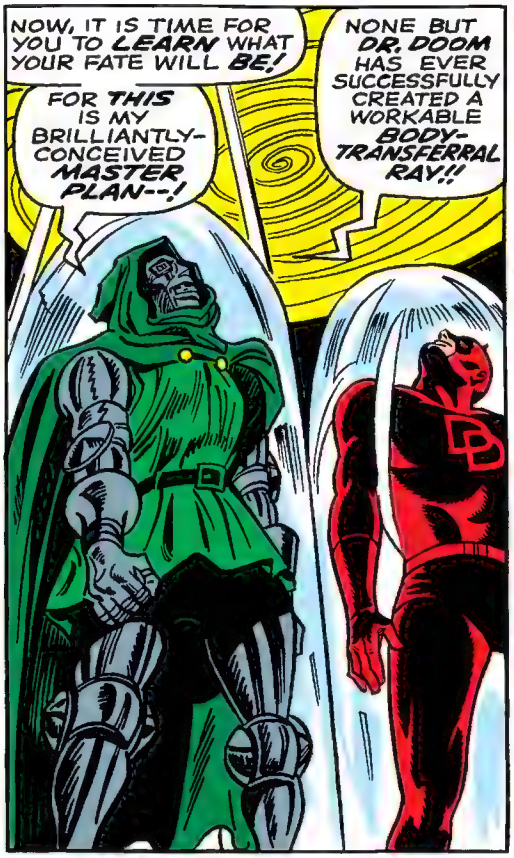
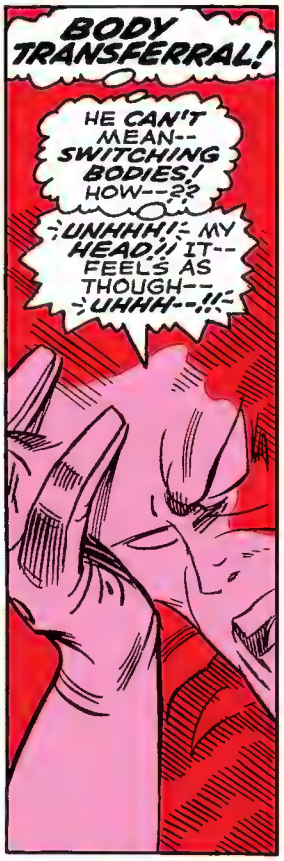
BUT, HE DOESN'T SUSPECT THAT I'M BLIND--
SO IT CAN'T AFFECT ME!
I'M BETTING IT'S NOT FOOLPROOF, DOOM!
I'M WILLING TO BET--MY LIFE!
MY DEVICES NEVER FAIL!!
I'LL MERELY INCREASE THE POWER OUTPUT!
YEAH, SONNY--
YOU DO THAT!!
HOK!
IT'S LIKE HITTING A STEEL TANK!!
HE DOESN'T EVEN SEEM TO FEEL IT!
SPAP!
BACK, YOU BUMBLING BUFFOON!!
MY PATIENCE HAS RUN OUT!

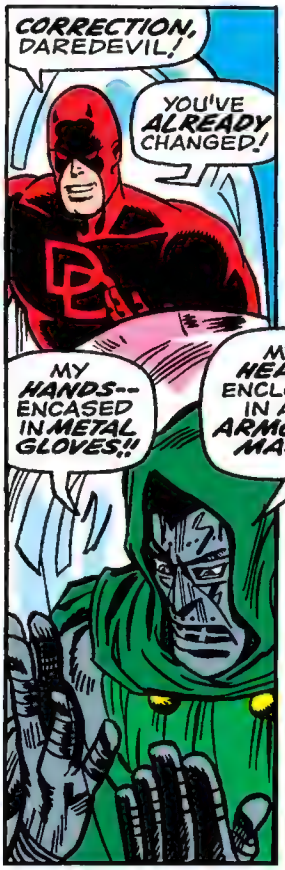
I AM NOT CALLED "THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN ALIVE" FOR NOTHING!
YOU MEAN THEY PAY YOU?
I'M NOT NOT EXACTLY MR. PUSH-OVER OF '67 MYSELF!
HAD ENOUGH??
DON'T GLOAT YET, MASKED MAN!
THE VICTORY IS STILL MINE!
OBSERVE!!
--HE VANISHED!!
NO! THERE'S A TRANSLUSCENT CURTAIN OF AIR BETWEEN US!
AS I TRY TO TOUCH IT--THE CURRENT SHIFTS--!!
WHAT--CAN IT--MEAN??
IT MEANS-- I HAVE FINALLY LURED YOU-- TO THE FATAL SPOT!
A PLEXIGLASS CYLINDER-- DROPPING OVER ME!
THANG!


I DON'T GET IT!!
HE'S ENCASED HIMSELF IN AN IDENTICAL CYLINDER!!
THANG!

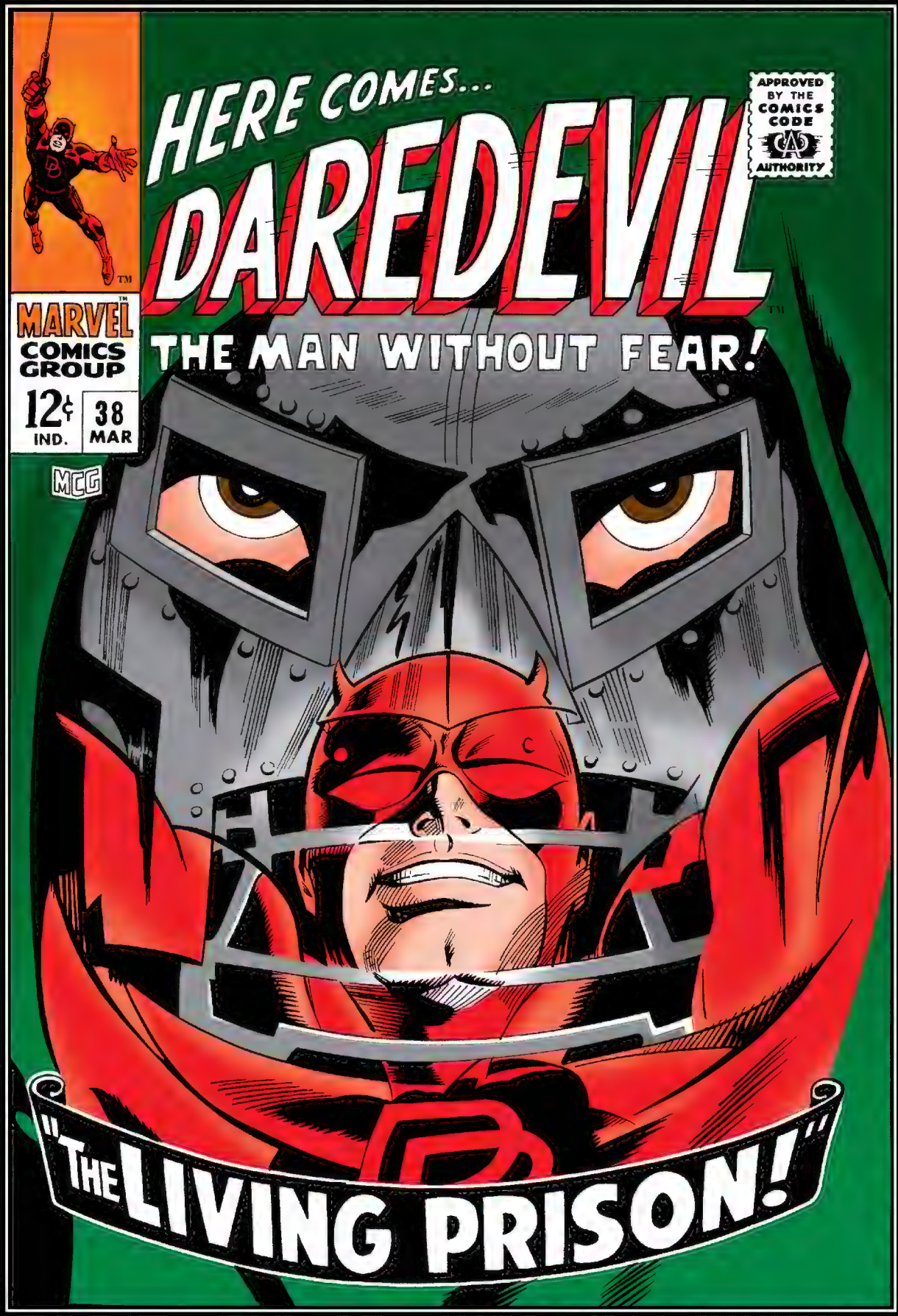

NOW, IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO LEARN WHAT YOUR FATE WILL BE!
FOR THIS IS MY BRILLIANTLY-CONCEIVED MASTER PLAN--!
NONE BUT DR. DOOM HAS EVER SUCCESSFULLY CREATED A WORKABLE BODY-TRANSFERRAL RAY!!


BODY TRANSFERRAL!
HE CAN'T MEAN-- SWITCHING BODIES! HOW--??
-UNHHH!- MY HEAD!! IT-- FEELS AS THOUGH-- -UHHH--!!-

I'M--CHANGING!!
I--I CAN FEEL IT--!!


CORRECTION, DAREDEVIL!
YOU'VE ALREADY CHANGED!
MY HANDS-- ENCASED IN METAL GLOVES!!
MY HEAD-- ENCLOSED IN AN ARMORED MASK!!

NOW YOU KNOW WHY MY PLAN CANNOT FAIL!
BECAUSE, TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES --I AM DARE-DEVIL!!
WHILE YOU-- YOU ARE-- DR. DOOM!!
NEXT
THE LIVING PRISON!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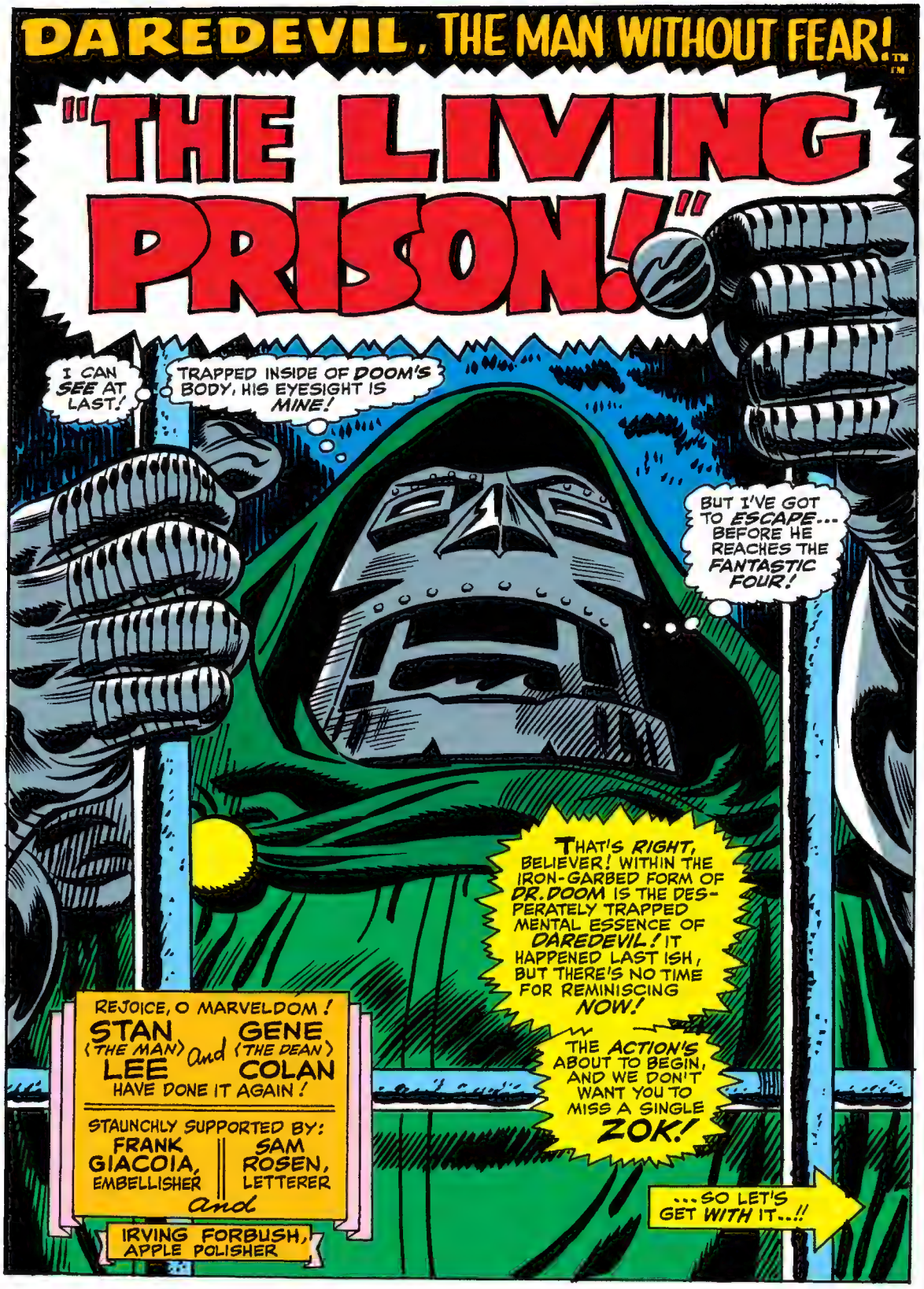
DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!™
"THE LIVING PRISON!"
I CAN SEE AT LAST!
TRAPPED INSIDE OF DOOM'S BODY, HIS EYESIGHT IS MINE!
BUT I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE... BEFORE HE REACHES THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
THAT'S RIGHT, BELIEVER! WITHIN THE IRON-GARBED FORM OF DR. DOOM IS THE DESPERATELY TRAPPED MENTAL ESSENCE OF DAREDEVIL! IT HAPPENED LAST ISH, BUT THERE'S NO TIME FOR REMINISCING NOW!
THE ACTION'S ABOUT TO BEGIN, AND WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS A SINGLE ZOK!
...SO LET'S GET WITH IT..!!
REJOICE, O MARVELDOM! STAN (THE MAN) LEE and GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!
STAUNCHLY SUPPORTED BY: FRANK GIACOIA, EMBELLISHER and SAM ROSEN, LETTERER
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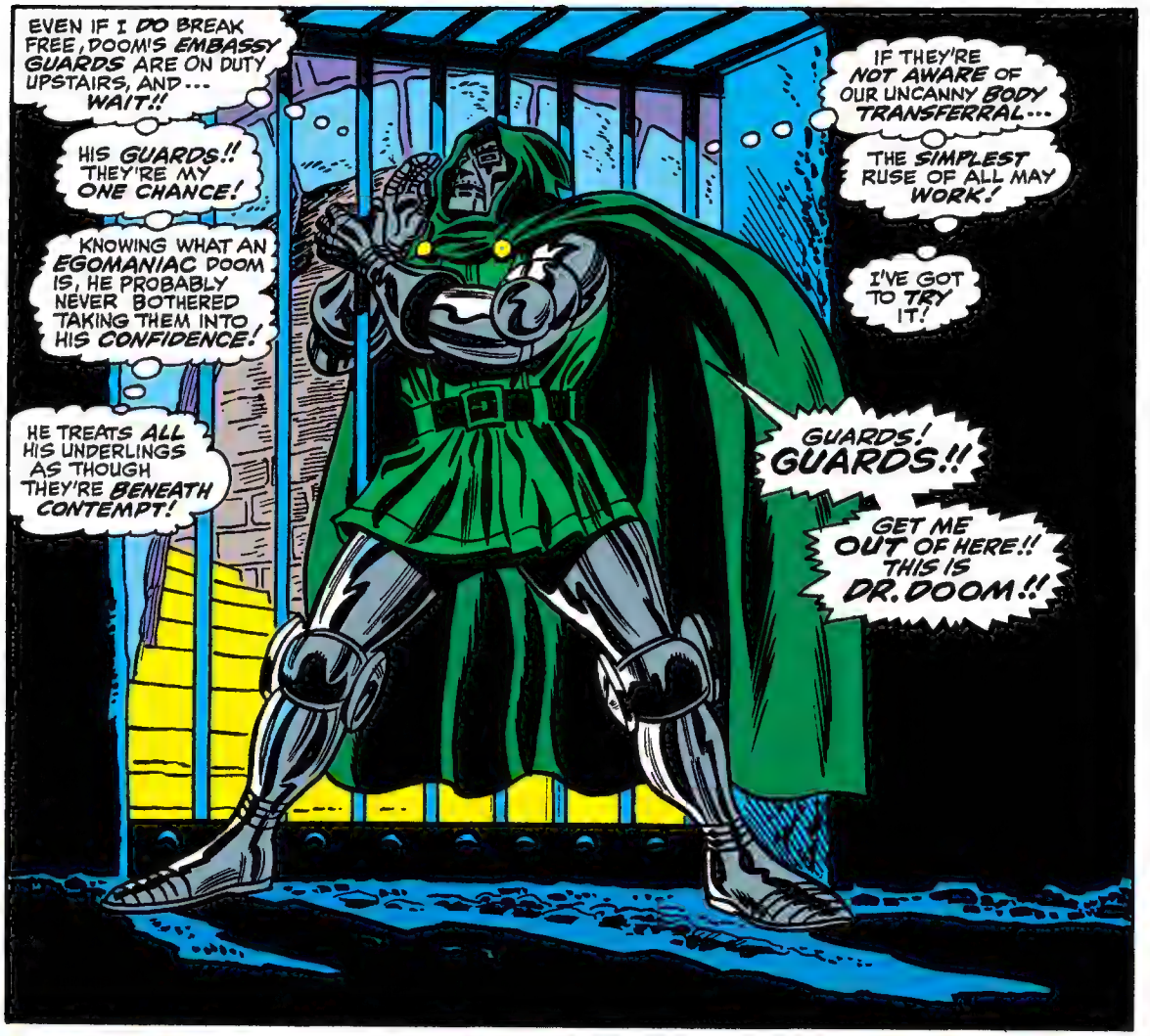
EVEN IF I DO BREAK FREE, DOOM'S EMBASSY GUARDS ARE ON DUTY UPSTAIRS, AND... WAIT!!
HIS GUARDS!! THEY'RE MY ONE CHANCE!
KNOWING WHAT AN EGOMANIAC DOOM IS, HE PROBABLY NEVER BOTHERED TAKING THEM INTO HIS CONFIDENCE!
HE TREATS ALL HIS UNDERLINGS AS THOUGH THEY'RE BENEATH CONTEMPT!
IF THEY'RE NOT AWARE OF OUR UNCANNY BODY TRANSFERRAL...
THE SIMPLEST RUSE OF ALL MAY WORK!
I'VE GOT TO TRY IT!
GUARDS! GUARDS!!
GET ME OUT OF HERE!! THIS IS DR. DOOM!!

DID YOU HEAR THAT?
THE MASTER'S VOICE!
HE SOUNDS LIKE... HE'S IN TROUBLE!
HOW CAN THAT BE?
NO ONE CAN BEST THE INVINCIBLE DR. DOOM!!

PERHAPS NOT...
BUT IT WILL BE WORTH OUR LIVES NOT TO HEED HIS CALL!
TO THE DUNGEON... QUICKLY!
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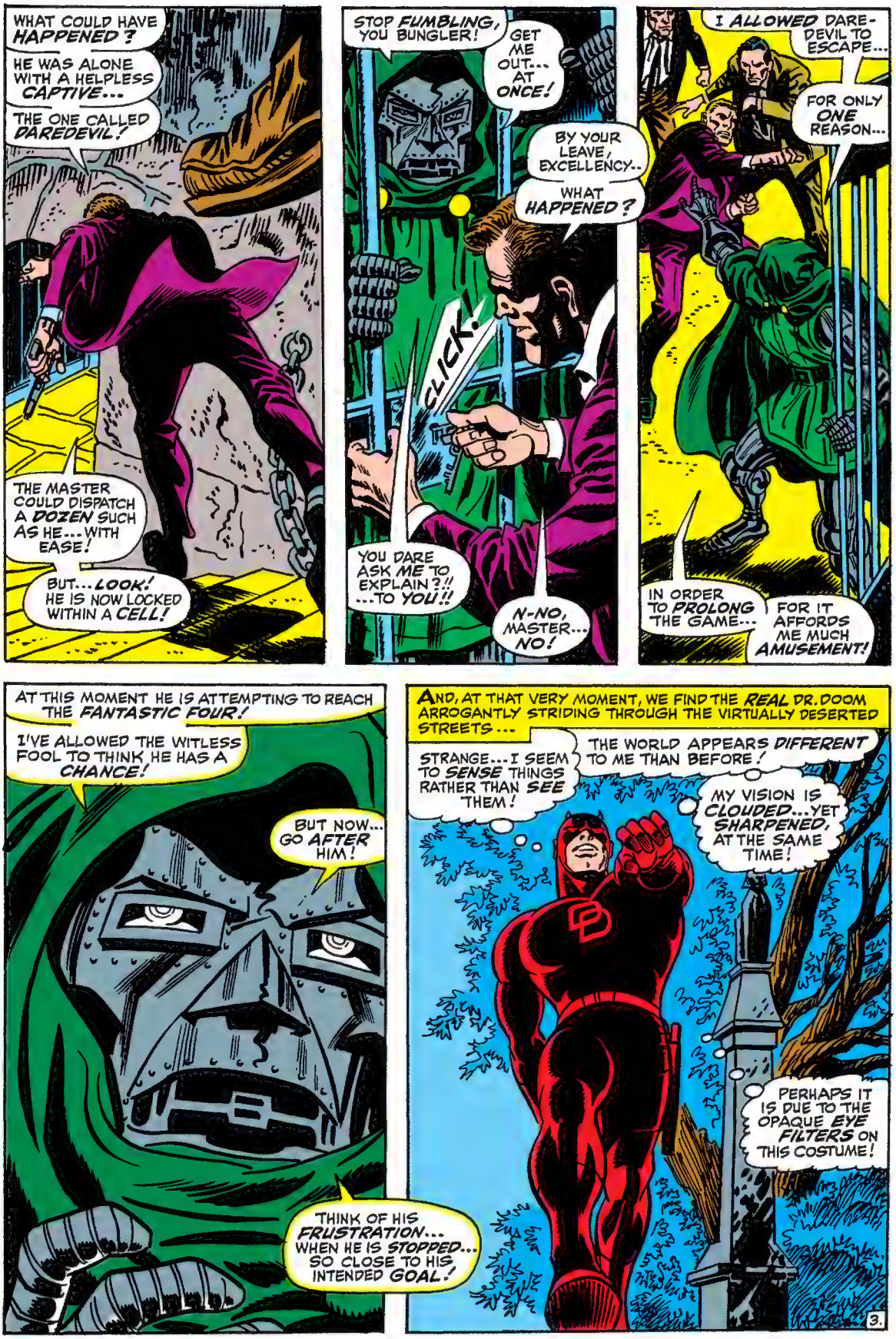
WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED?
HE WAS ALONE WITH A HELPLESS CAPTIVE...
THE ONE CALLED DAREDEVIL!
THE MASTER COULD DISPATCH A DOZEN SUCH AS HE...WITH EASE!
BUT...LOOK! HE IS NOW LOCKED WITHIN A CELL!
STOP FUMBLING, YOU BUNGLER!
GET ME OUT... AT ONCE!
BY YOUR LEAVE, EXCELLENCY..
WHAT HAPPENED?
CLICK!
YOU DARE ASK ME TO EXPLAIN?!! ...TO YOU!!
N-NO, MASTER... NO!
I ALLOWED DARE-DEVIL TO ESCAPE...
FOR ONLY ONE REASON...
IN ORDER TO PROLONG THE GAME...
FOR IT AFFORDS ME MUCH AMUSEMENT!
AT THIS MOMENT HE IS ATTEMPTING TO REACH THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
I'VE ALLOWED THE WITLESS FOOL TO THINK HE HAS A CHANCE!
BUT NOW... GO AFTER HIM!
THINK OF HIS FRUSTRATION... WHEN HE IS STOPPED... SO CLOSE TO HIS INTENDED GOAL!
AND, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, WE FIND THE REAL DR. DOOM ARROGANTLY STRIDING THROUGH THE VIRTUALLY DESERTED STREETS...
STRANGE...I SEEM TO SENSE THINGS RATHER THAN SEE THEM!
THE WORLD APPEARS DIFFERENT TO ME THAN BEFORE!
MY VISION IS CLOUDED...YET SHARPENED, AT THE SAME TIME!
PERHAPS IT IS DUE TO THE OPAQUE EYE FILTERS ON THIS COSTUME!
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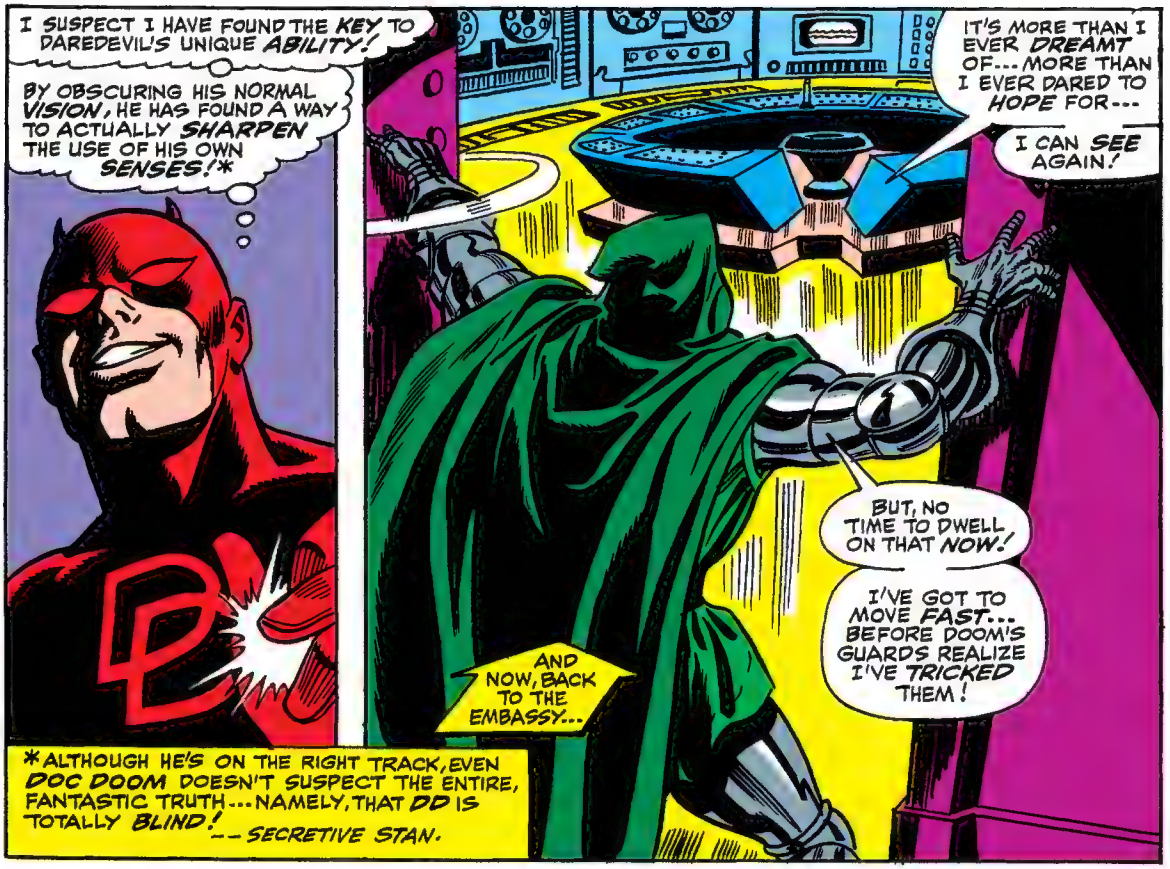
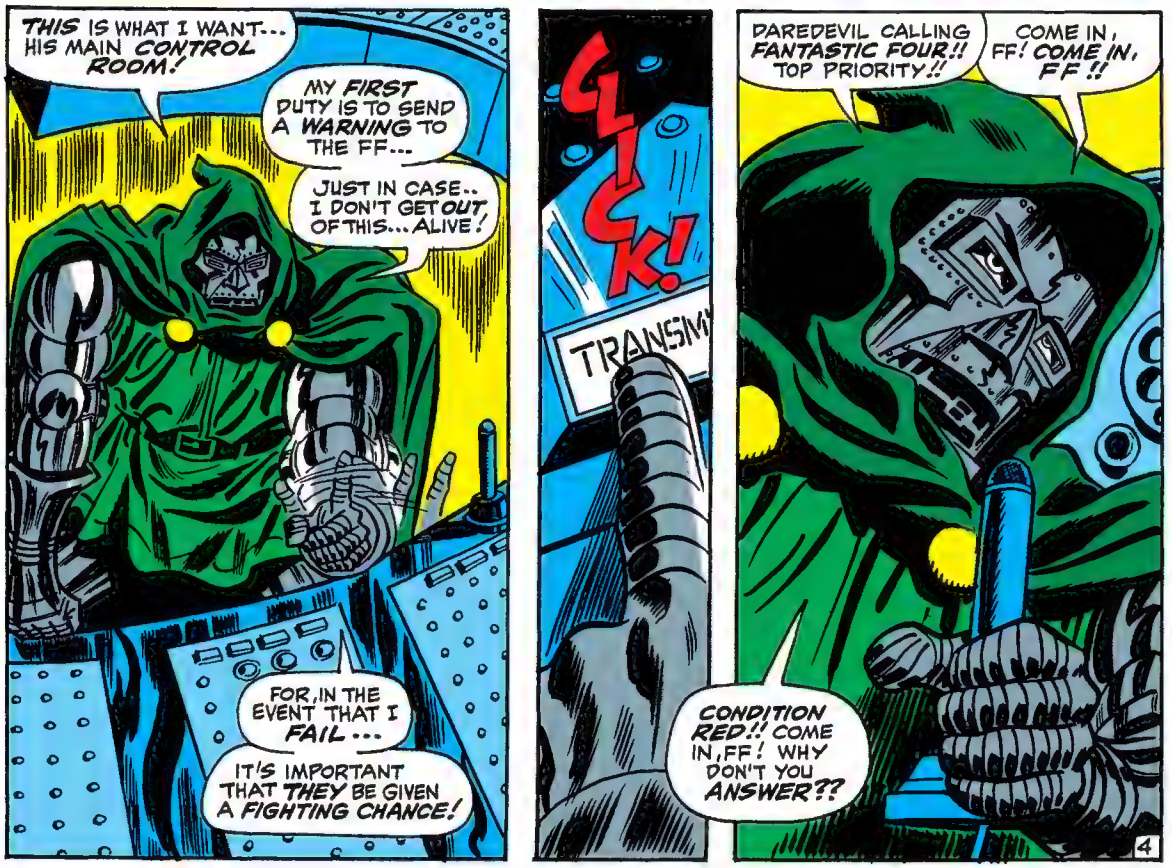

I SUSPECT I HAVE FOUND THE KEY TO DAREDEVIL'S UNIQUE ABILITY!
BY OBSCURING HIS NORMAL VISION, HE HAS FOUND A WAY TO ACTUALLY SHARPEN THE USE OF HIS OWN SENSES!*
IT'S MORE THAN I EVER DREAMT OF--- MORE THAN I EVER DARED TO HOPE FOR---
I CAN SEE AGAIN!
BUT, NO TIME TO DWELL ON THAT NOW!
I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST... BEFORE DOOM'S GUARDS REALIZE I'VE TRICKED THEM!
AND NOW, BACK TO THE EMBASSY...
*ALTHOUGH HE'S ON THE RIGHT TRACK, EVEN DOC DOOM DOESN'T SUSPECT THE ENTIRE, FANTASTIC TRUTH--- NAMELY, THAT DD IS TOTALLY BLIND! --SECRETIVE STAN.


THIS IS WHAT I WANT... HIS MAIN CONTROL ROOM!
MY FIRST DUTY IS TO SEND A WARNING TO THE FF...
JUST IN CASE.. I DON'T GET OUT OF THIS... ALIVE!
FOR, IN THE EVENT THAT I FAIL ...
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE GIVEN A FIGHTING CHANCE!
CLICK!
TRANSM
DAREDEVIL CALLING FANTASTIC FOUR!! TOP PRIORITY!!
COME IN, FF! COME IN, FF!!
CONDITION RED!! COME IN, FF! WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER??
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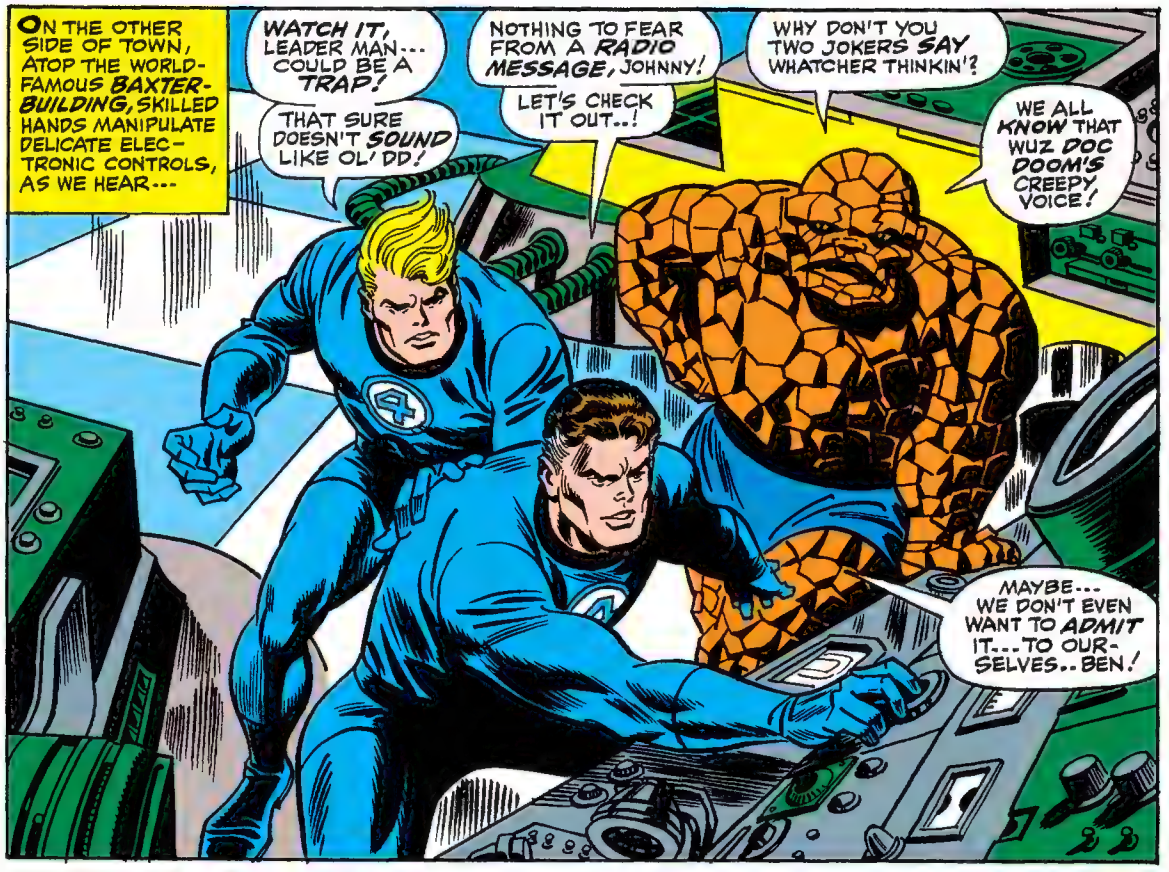
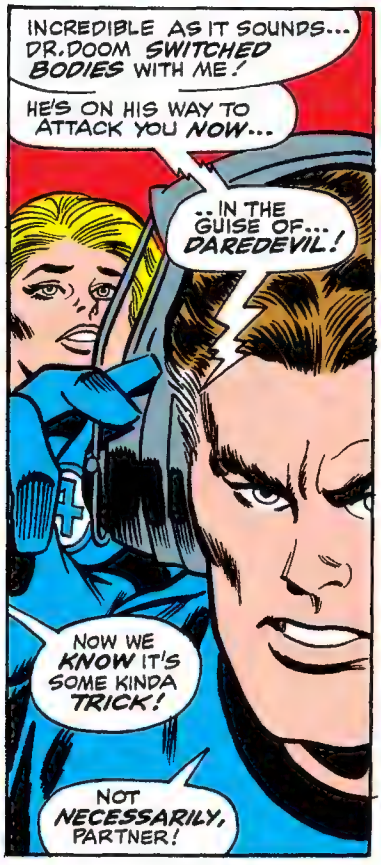

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN, ATOP THE WORLD-FAMOUS BAXTER-BUILDING, SKILLED HANDS MANIPULATE DELICATE ELEC-TRONIC CONTROLS, AS WE HEAR---
WATCH IT, LEADER MAN--- COULD BE A TRAP!
THAT SURE DOESN'T SOUND LIKE OL' DD!
NOTHING TO FEAR FROM A RADIO MESSAGE, JOHNNY!
LET'S CHECK IT OUT..!
WHY DON'T YOU TWO JOKERS SAY WHATCHER THINKIN'?
WE ALL KNOW THAT WUZ DOC DOOM'S CREEPY VOICE!
MAYBE--- WE DON'T EVEN WANT TO ADMIT IT---TO OUR-SELVES.. BEN!


INCREDIBLE AS IT SOUNDS--- DR.DOOM SWITCHED BODIES WITH ME!
HE'S ON HIS WAY TO ATTACK YOU NOW...
..IN THE GUISE OF... DAREDEVIL!
NOW WE KNOW IT'S SOME KINDA TRICK!
NOT NECESSARILY, PARTNER!

DOOM DOESN'T KNOW OUR SPECIAL RADIO FREQUENCY...
BUT DD DOES!
AND IF ANYONE COULD SUCCEED AT BODY TRANSFERRAL...
DOOM'S THE ONE!

MEANWHILE, IN THE STREET...
I WAS RIGHT!
STRANGE... I SEEM TO SENSE SOMEONE BEHIND ME---!
MY OWN AGENTS--ABOUT TO ATTACK!
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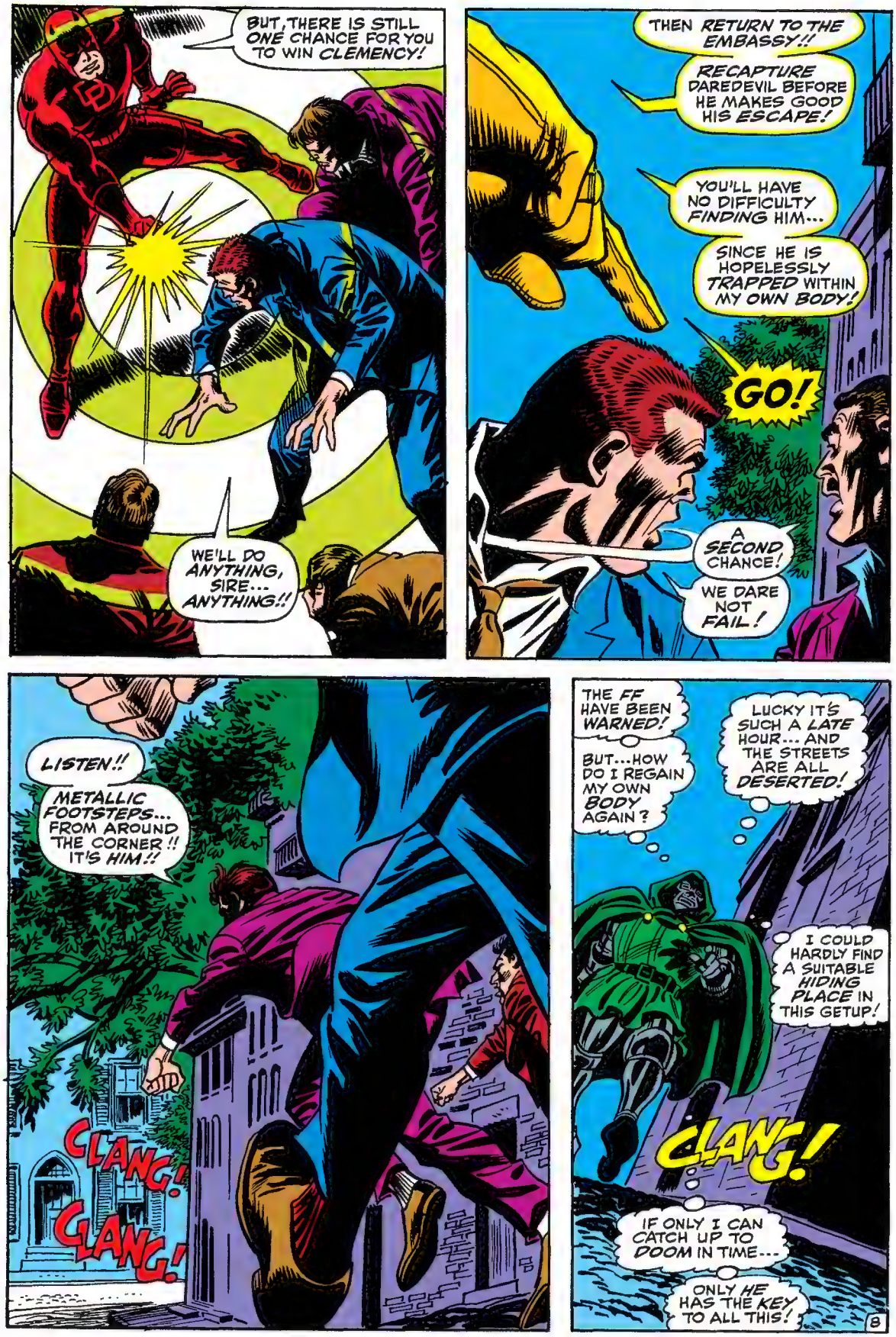
WE GOT HIM!
ARE YOU MAD?
DO YOU NOT KNOW WHO I AM??
DON'T TRY TO FOOL US, DAREDEVIL!
WE KNOW THAT IT'S REALLY YOU!
IMBECILES!!
CAN DAREDEVIL STRIKE LIKE THIS??!
DOES HE POSSESS THE STRENGTH..??
OR THE NAKED SAVAGERY??
CAN YOU NOT SENSE THAT I AM DR. DOOM?
OF ALL WHO LIVE...
ONLY I AM TRULY...THE MASTER!!
6.

AND, THOUGH OUR BODIES WERE EXCHANGED...
I FIRST REMOVED MY RING IMPERIAL!!
SO, IF ANY ADDITIONAL PROOF BE NEEDED...
THE MIND-BENDING RAYS WHICH ONLY DR. DOOM CAN CONTROL SHALL FURNISH IT WITHOUT HESITATION!
ENOUGH, EXCELLENCY... ENOUGH!!
MERCY, SIRE!! WE INTENDED NO DISLOYALTY!
IT IS NOT YOUR DISLOYALTY I PUNISH...
BUT YOUR IGNORANCE!!
YOU ALLOWED YOURSELVES TO BE DECEIVED BY THE RUSE OF DAREDEVIL!
SUCH UN-MITIGATED INCOMPETENCE CANNOT POSSIBLY BE TOLERATED!


BUT, THERE IS STILL ONE CHANCE FOR YOU TO WIN CLEMENCY!
WE'LL DO ANYTHING, SIRE... ANYTHING!!
THEN RETURN TO THE EMBASSY!!
RECAPTURE DAREDEVIL BEFORE HE MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE!
YOU'LL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY FINDING HIM...
SINCE HE IS HOPELESSLY TRAPPED WITHIN MY OWN BODY!
GO!
A SECOND CHANCE!
WE DARE NOT FAIL!
LISTEN!!
METALLIC FOOTSTEPS... FROM AROUND THE CORNER!! IT'S HIM!!
CLANG!
CLANG!
THE FF HAVE BEEN WARNED!
BUT...HOW DO I REGAIN MY OWN BODY AGAIN?
LUCKY IT'S SUCH A LATE HOUR... AND THE STREETS ARE ALL DESERTED!
I COULD HARDLY FIND A SUITABLE HIDING PLACE IN THIS GETUP!
CLANG!
IF ONLY I CAN CATCH UP TO DOOM IN TIME...
ONLY HE HAS THE KEY TO ALL THIS!
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BUT, NO LONGER POSSESSING THE INFALLIBLE SUPER-SENSES WHICH HIS PURLOINED BODY STILL HOUSES, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR... WITHIN HIS LIVING, ARMORED PRISON... DOESN'T HEAR THE THREE AGENTS TURNING THE CORNER, UNTIL...
BTANG!
DOOM'S PLUG-UGLIES, IN PERSON!
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN RETURNING FOR ME!
THAT MEANS HE PUT THEM WISE...
...SO THE PARTY'S OVER!
IT'S HIM... UNHHH!
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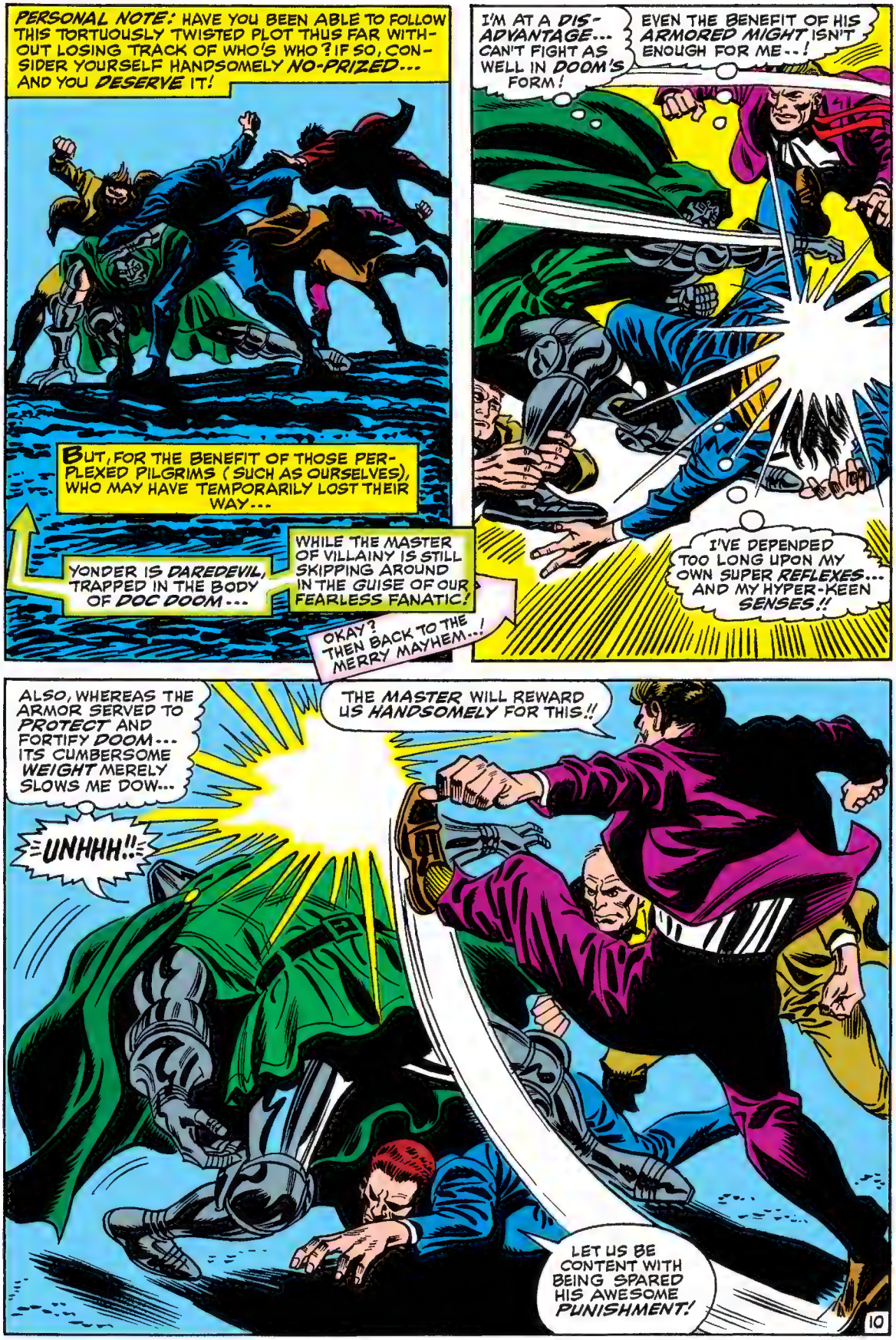
PERSONAL NOTE: HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO FOLLOW THIS TORTUOUSLY TWISTED PLOT THUS FAR WITHOUT LOSING TRACK OF WHO'S WHO? IF SO, CONSIDER YOURSELF HANDSOMELY NO-PRIZED... AND YOU DESERVE IT!
BUT, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE PERPLEXED PILGRIMS (SUCH AS OURSELVES), WHO MAY HAVE TEMPORARILY LOST THEIR WAY...
YONDER IS DAREDEVIL, TRAPPED IN THE BODY OF DOC DOOM...
WHILE THE MASTER OF VILLAINY IS STILL SKIPPING AROUND IN THE GUISE OF OUR FEARLESS FANATIC!
OKAY? THEN BACK TO THE MERRY MAYHEM...!
I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE... CAN'T FIGHT AS WELL IN DOOM'S FORM!
EVEN THE BENEFIT OF HIS ARMORED MIGHT ISN'T ENOUGH FOR ME--!
I'VE DEPENDED TOO LONG UPON MY OWN SUPER REFLEXES... AND MY HYPER-KEEN SENSES!!
ALSO, WHEREAS THE ARMOR SERVED TO PROTECT AND FORTIFY DOOM... ITS CUMBERSOME WEIGHT MERELY SLOWS ME DOW...
UNHHH!!
THE MASTER WILL REWARD US HANDSOMELY FOR THIS!!
LET US BE CONTENT WITH BEING SPARED HIS AWESOME PUNISHMENT!
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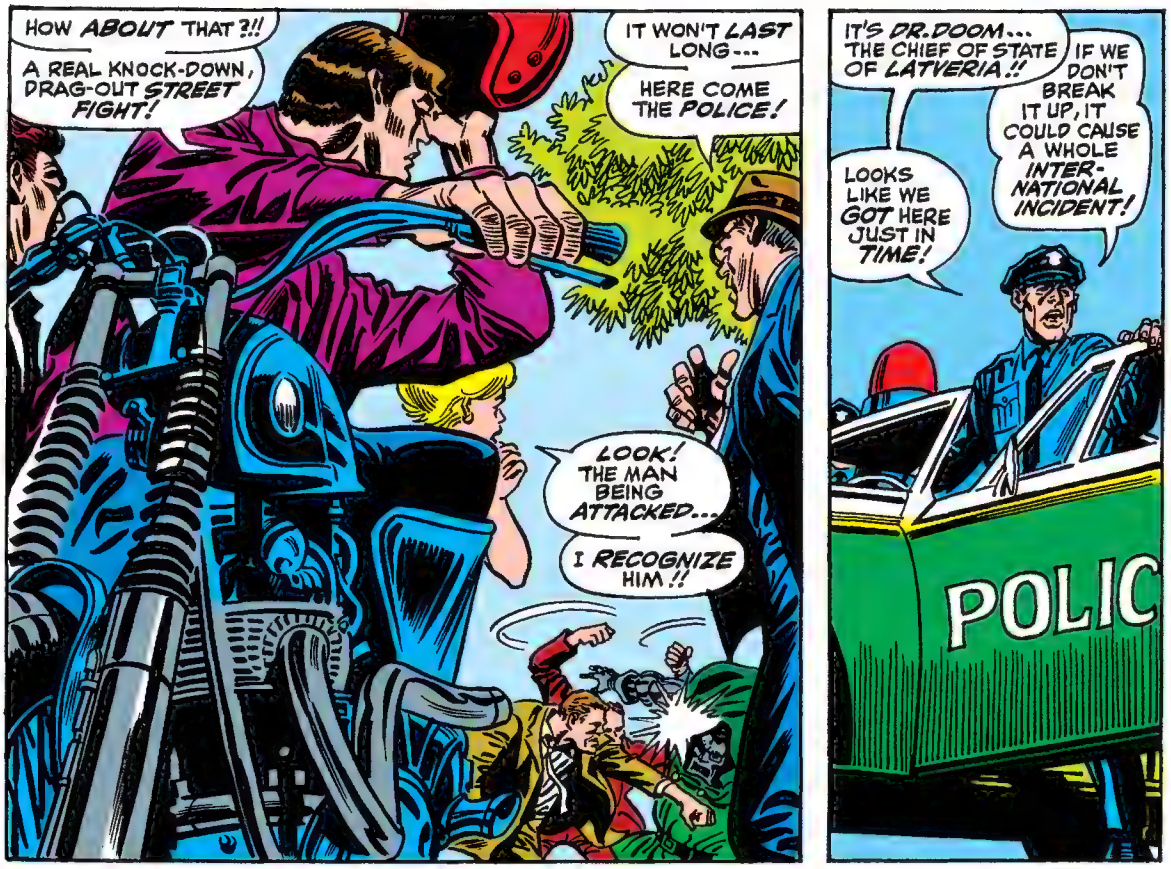
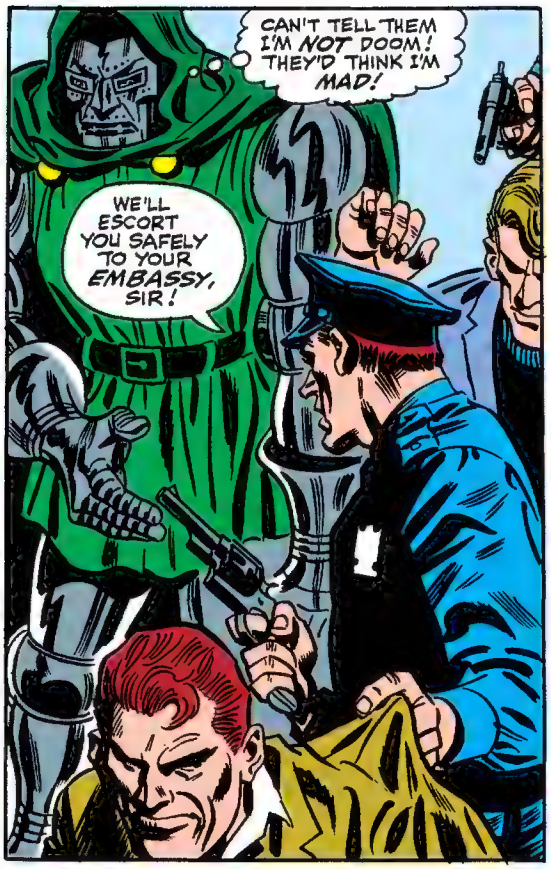
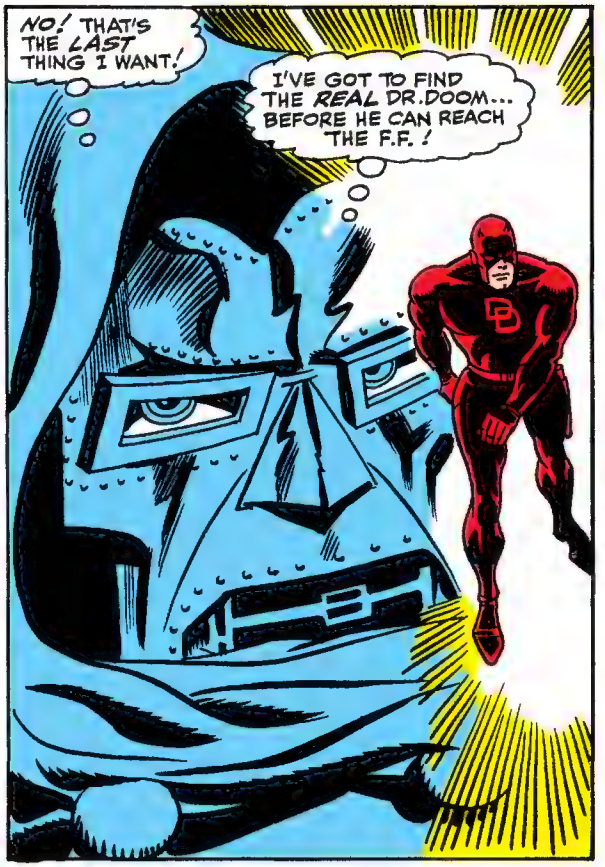
NOW... LET'S FINISH HIM OFF!
I DON'T DARE USE DOOM'S BUILT-IN WEAPONS...
SINCE THEY'RE STRANGE TO ME, THEY MIGHT GET OUT OF CONTROL...
...AND I CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE OF INNOCENT BYSTANDERS BEING HURT!
SO, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO...
BOK!
AND THIS IS IT!
HEAVY THOUGH IT IS, THIS ARMOR DIFINITELY GIVES ME AN EDGE..!
AND, THE MORE I USE IT, THE MORE IT SEEMS TO BECOME A PART OF ME!
IT SURE IS A GREAT FEELING BEING ABLE TO SEE WHERE A ONE-TWO LANDS!
RAP!


HOW ABOUT THAT?!!
A REAL KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG-OUT STREET FIGHT!
IT WON'T LAST LONG---
HERE COME THE POLICE!
LOOK! THE MAN BEING ATTACKED...
I RECOGNIZE HIM!!
IT'S DR. DOOM... THE CHIEF OF STATE OF LATVERIA!!
IF WE DON'T BREAK IT UP, IT COULD CAUSE A WHOLE INTER-NATIONAL INCIDENT!
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!
POLIC
STAND BACK! STAND BACK!
WE'RE IN LUCK! HE DOESN'T SEEM HURT!
OKAY, MISTER... YOU'VE HAD IT!
YOU PICKED YOURSELF THE WRONG SPARRING PARTNER!
UNHAND ME! I AM REPRESENTATIVE OF LATVERIAN EMBASSY!
SURE! SURE! AND I'M MOTHER GOOSE!
YOU CAN TELL IT TO THE JUDGE, MAC!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YOUR EXCELLENCY?
YES! YOU ARRIVED JUST IN TIME!


CAN'T TELL THEM I'M NOT DOOM! THEY'D THINK I'M MAD!
WE'LL ESCORT YOU SAFELY TO YOUR EMBASSY, SIR!


NO! THAT'S THE LAST THING I WANT!
I'VE GOT TO FIND THE REAL DR.DOOM... BEFORE HE CAN REACH THE F.F.!

YOUR COMPANY WILL NOT BE NEEDED, OFFICER!
BUT... YOU CAN'T WALK THRU TOWN IN THAT...EH.. THAT GET-UP!
YOUR AUDIENCE IS ENDED!!
STAND ASIDE!

IT'S NOT BAD BEING A HEAD OF STATE!
NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO RESTRAIN YOU!
WELL, IT TAKES ALL KINDS!

WHILE, NOT VERY FAR AWAY...
SAME TIME TOMORROW, FOGGY?
WILD HORSES COULDN'T KEEP ME AWAY, DEBBIE!
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW WE SHOULDN'T BE SEEING EACH OTHER!
NELSON AND MURDOCK
ATT
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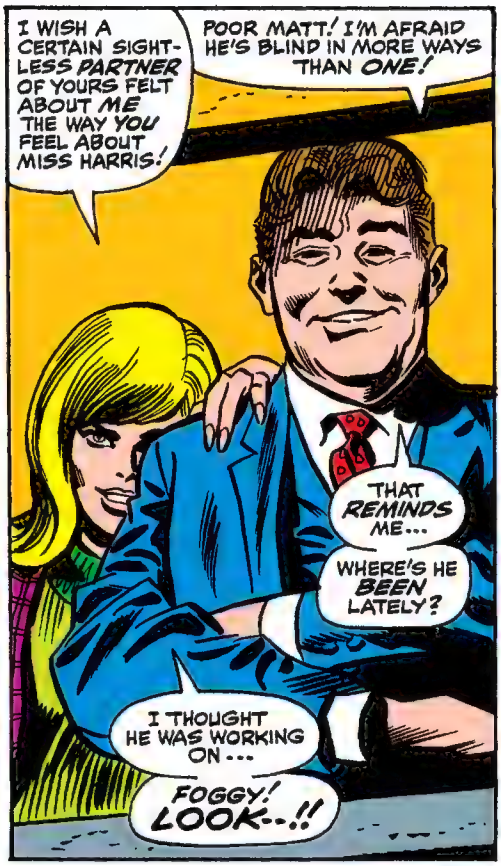
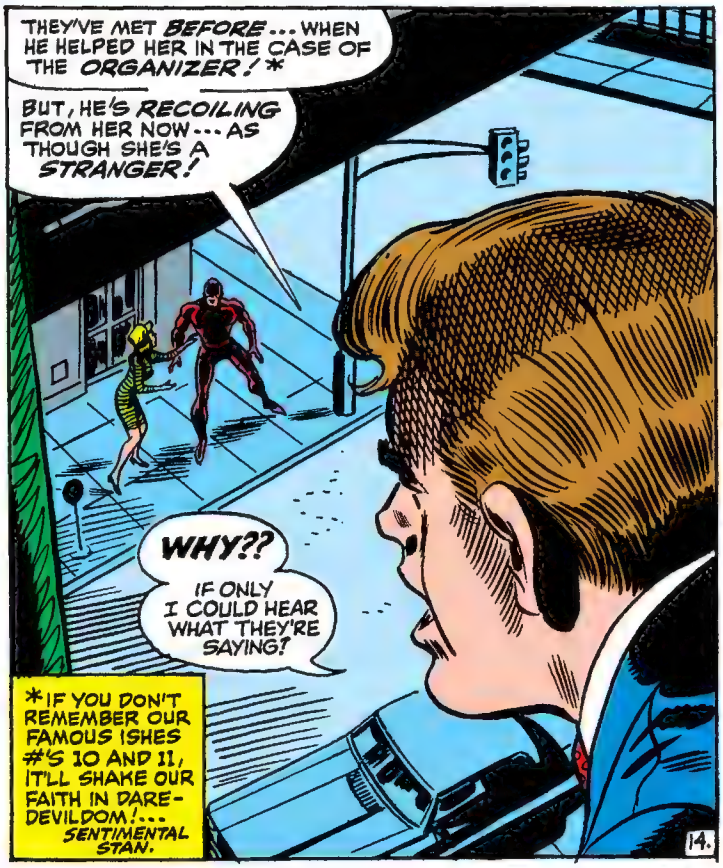
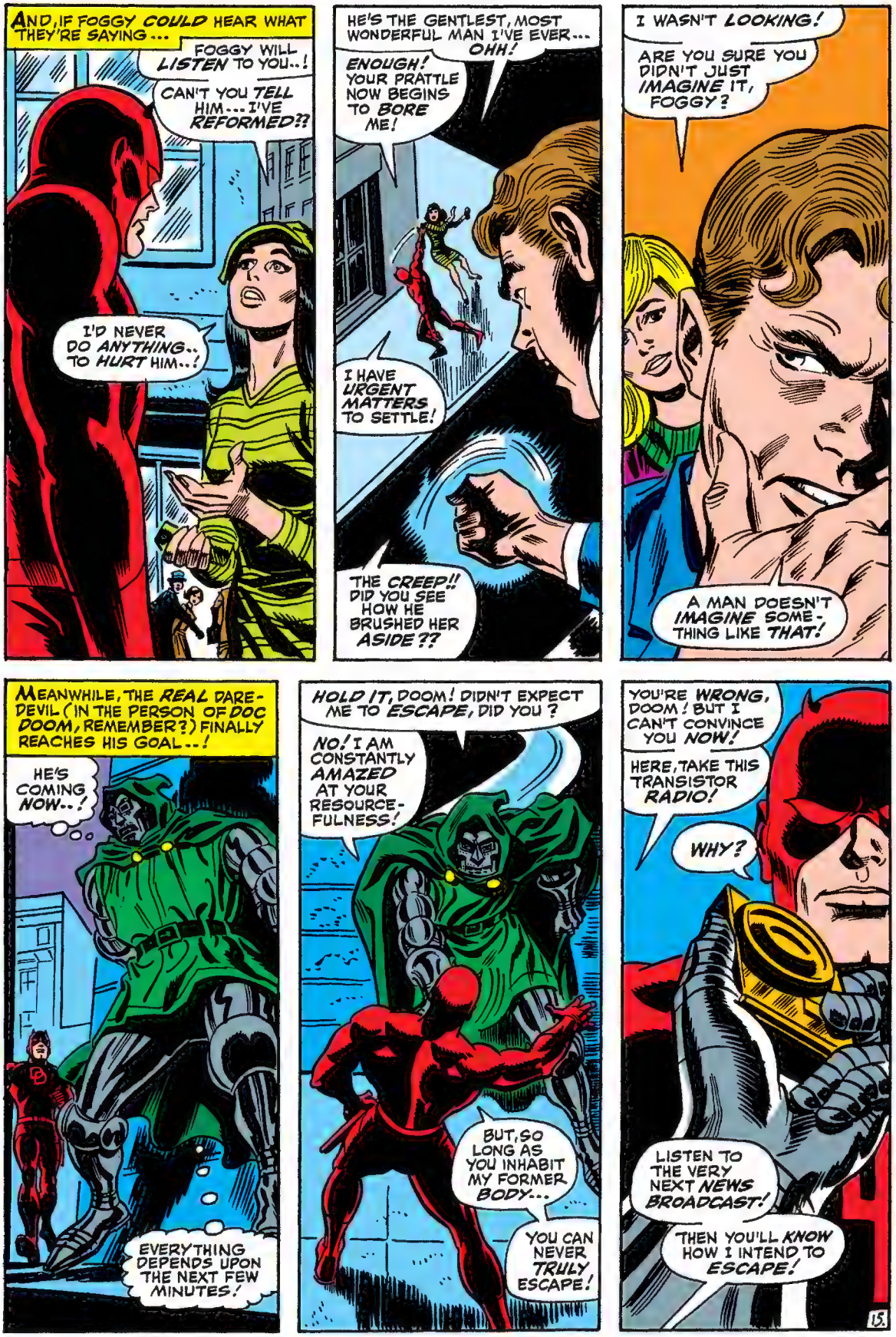
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GOING TO SEE DEBORAH HARRIS, FOGGY!
IT WON'T HELP YOU GET THE NOMINATION FOR D.A. IF YOU'RE SEEN DATING AN EX-CONVICT!
BUT NOBODY'S SEEN US SO FAR, KAREN!
AND, I'M NOT FOOLISH ENOUGH TO THINK YOU ASKED ME OUT OF JEALOUSY!


I WISH A CERTAIN SIGHT-LESS PARTNER OF YOURS FELT ABOUT ME THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT MISS HARRIS!
POOR MATT! I'M AFRAID HE'S BLIND IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!
THAT REMINDS ME...
WHERE'S HE BEEN LATELY?
I THOUGHT HE WAS WORKING ON...
FOGGY! LOOK--!!

IT'S HIS BROTHER, MIKE!
RIGHT OUT IN THE STREET... IN FULL COSTUME!
THERE'S DEBBIE! SHE SEES HIM!
SHE'S WALKING OVER TO HIM... TALKING TO HIM!


THEY'VE MET BEFORE... WHEN HE HELPED HER IN THE CASE OF THE ORGANIZER! *
BUT, HE'S RECOILING FROM HER NOW... AS THOUGH SHE'S A STRANGER!
WHY??
IF ONLY I COULD HEAR WHAT THEY'RE SAYING!
*IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER OUR FAMOUS ISHES #'S 10 AND 11, IT'LL SHAKE OUR FAITH IN DARE-DEVILDOM!... SENTIMENTAL STAN.


AND, IF FOGGY COULD HEAR WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...
FOGGY WILL LISTEN TO YOU..!
CAN'T YOU TELL HIM... I'VE REFORMED??
I'D NEVER DO ANYTHING.. TO HURT HIM..!
HE'S THE GENTLEST, MOST WONDERFUL MAN I'VE EVER... OHH!
ENOUGH! YOUR PRATTLE NOW BEGINS TO BORE ME!
I HAVE URGENT MATTERS TO SETTLE!
THE CREEP!! DID YOU SEE HOW HE BRUSHED HER ASIDE??
I WASN'T LOOKING!
ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T JUST IMAGINE IT, FOGGY?
A MAN DOESN'T IMAGINE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
MEANWHILE, THE REAL DAREDEVIL (IN THE PERSON OF DOC DOOM, REMEMBER?) FINALLY REACHES HIS GOAL..!
HE'S COMING NOW..!
EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON THE NEXT FEW MINUTES!
HOLD IT, DOOM! DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO ESCAPE, DID YOU?
NO! I AM CONSTANTLY AMAZED AT YOUR RESOURCEFULNESS!
BUT, SO LONG AS YOU INHABIT MY FORMER BODY...
YOU CAN NEVER TRULY ESCAPE!
YOU'RE WRONG, DOOM! BUT I CAN'T CONVINCE YOU NOW!
HERE, TAKE THIS TRANSISTOR RADIO!
WHY?
LISTEN TO THE VERY NEXT NEWS BROADCAST!
THEN YOU'LL KNOW HOW I INTEND TO ESCAPE!
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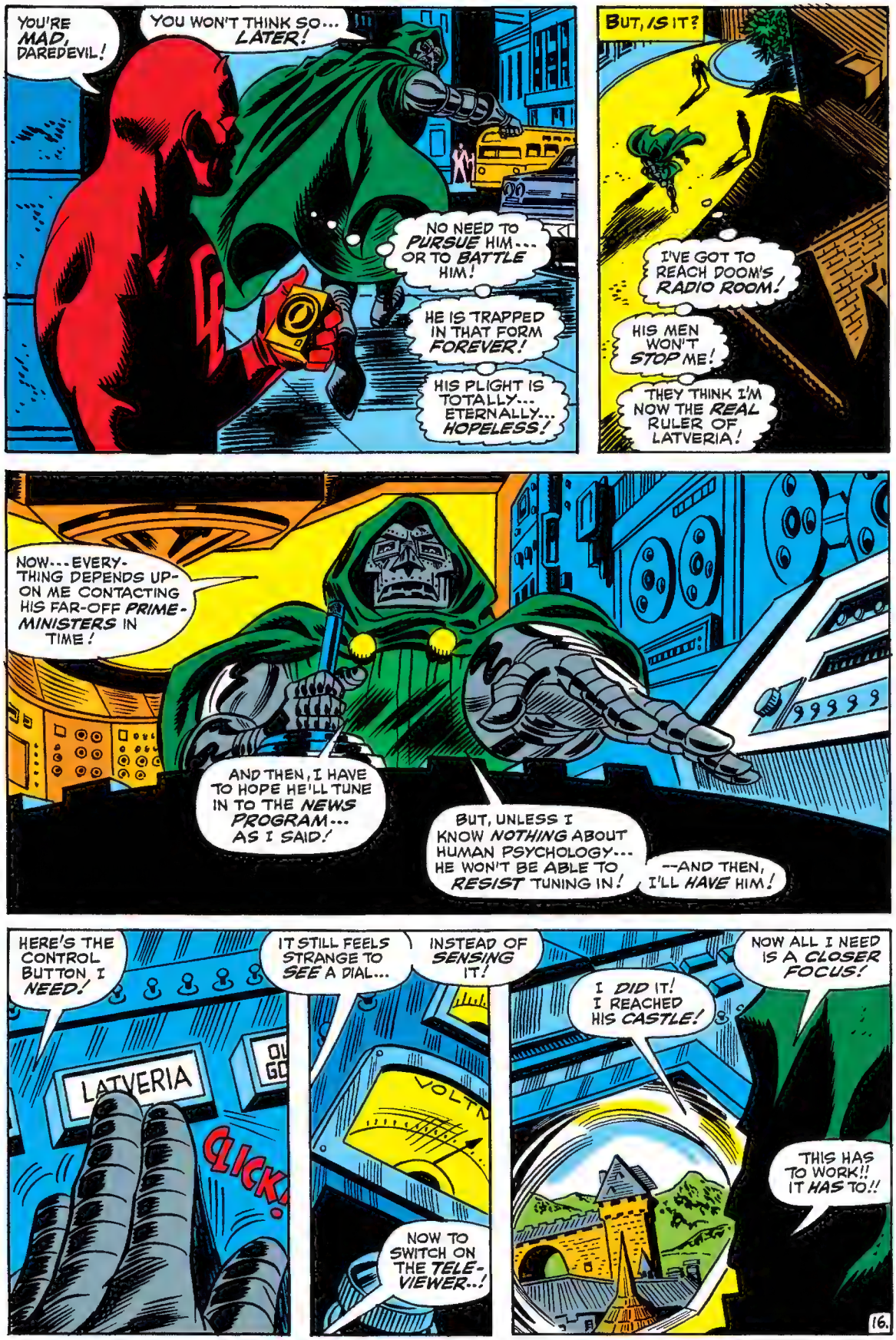
YOU'RE MAD, DAREDEVIL!
YOU WON'T THINK SO... LATER!
NO NEED TO PURSUE HIM... OR TO BATTLE HIM!
HE IS TRAPPED IN THAT FORM FOREVER!
HIS PLIGHT IS TOTALLY... ETERNALLY... HOPELESS!
BUT, IS IT?
I'VE GOT TO REACH DOOM'S RADIO ROOM!
HIS MEN WON'T STOP ME!
THEY THINK I'M NOW THE REAL RULER OF LATVERIA!
NOW... EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON ME CONTACTING HIS FAR-OFF PRIME-MINISTERS IN TIME!
AND THEN, I HAVE TO HOPE HE'LL TUNE IN TO THE NEWS PROGRAM... AS I SAID!
BUT, UNLESS I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HUMAN PSYCHOLOGY... HE WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST TUNING IN!
--AND THEN, I'LL HAVE HIM!
HERE'S THE CONTROL BUTTON I NEED!
LATVERIA
CLICK!
IT STILL FEELS STRANGE TO SEE A DIAL...
INSTEAD OF SENSING IT!
NOW TO SWITCH ON THE TELE-VIEWER..!
I DID IT! I REACHED HIS CASTLE!
NOW ALL I NEED IS A CLOSER FOCUS!
THIS HAS TO WORK!! IT HAS TO!!
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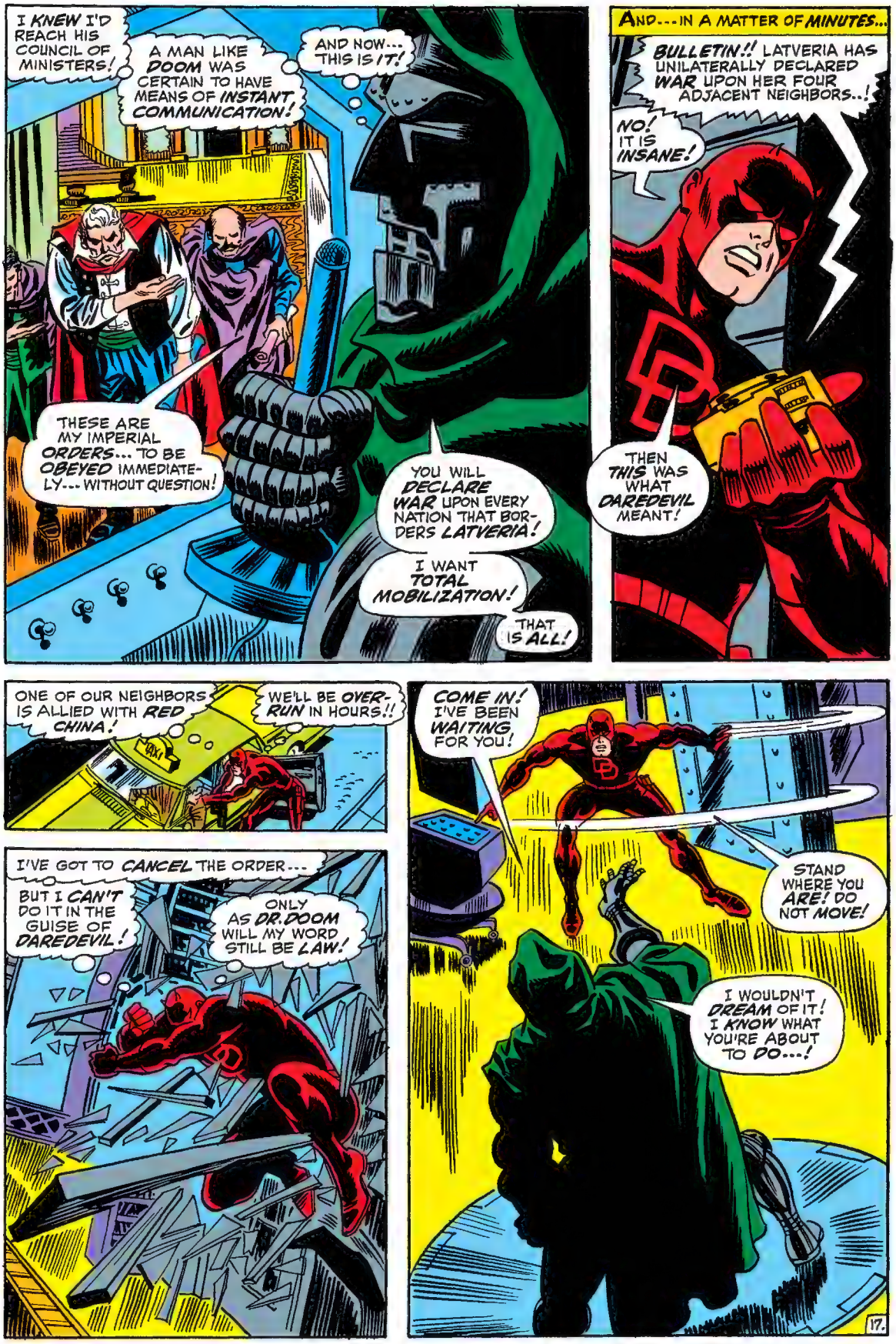
I KNEW I'D REACH HIS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS!
A MAN LIKE DOOM WAS CERTAIN TO HAVE MEANS OF INSTANT COMMUNICATION!
AND NOW... THIS IS IT!
THESE ARE MY IMPERIAL ORDERS... TO BE OBEYED IMMEDIATELY... WITHOUT QUESTION!
YOU WILL DECLARE WAR UPON EVERY NATION THAT BORDERS LATVERIA!
I WANT TOTAL MOBILIZATION!
THAT IS ALL!
AND... IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...
BULLETIN!! LATVERIA HAS UNILATERALLY DECLARED WAR UPON HER FOUR ADJACENT NEIGHBORS..!
NO! IT IS INSANE!
THEN THIS WAS WHAT DAREDEVIL MEANT!
ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS IS ALLIED WITH RED CHINA!
WE'LL BE OVER-RUN IN HOURS!!
TAXI
I'VE GOT TO CANCEL THE ORDER...
BUT I CAN'T DO IT IN THE GUISE OF DAREDEVIL!
ONLY AS DR. DOOM WILL MY WORD STILL BE LAW!
COME IN! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
STAND WHERE YOU ARE! DO NOT MOVE!
I WOULDN'T DREAM OF IT! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO...!
17.

BETTER HURRY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
I NEED NO ADVICE FROM YOU!!
OR YOU WON'T HAVE A NATION TO RETURN TO!
NOW, NOW... TEMPER, TEMPER...
=OOOOHH--=
I'M BACK IN THE GLASS TRANSFER TUBE AGAIN!
PERHAPS IT IS BETTER THIS WAY!
NONE BUT DR. DOOM IS TRULY FIT TO RULE!
EVERYTHING GROWING HAZY... GETTING HARDER TO SEE...
MY VISION... IT'S GONE!! I--I'M DAREDEVIL AGAIN!!
AND THIS TIME I'LL MAKE SURE I STAY THIS WAY!
KRASH!
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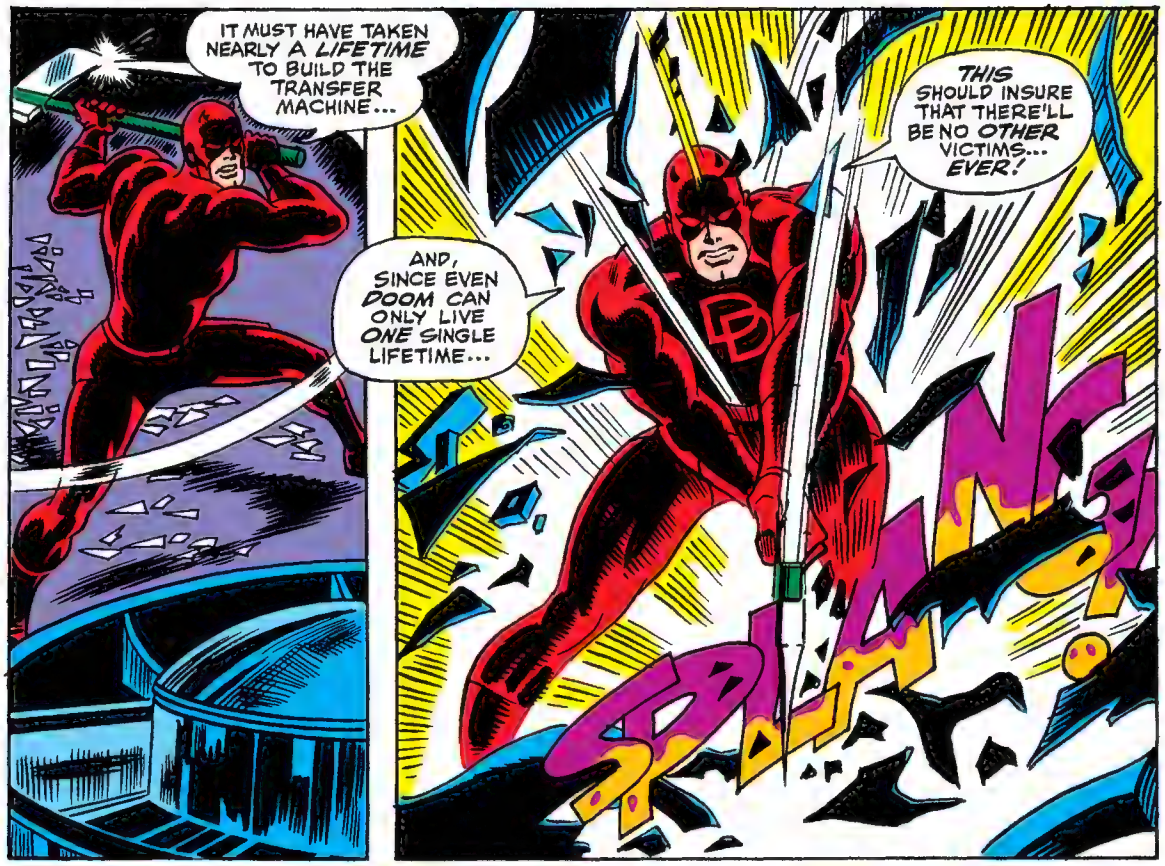
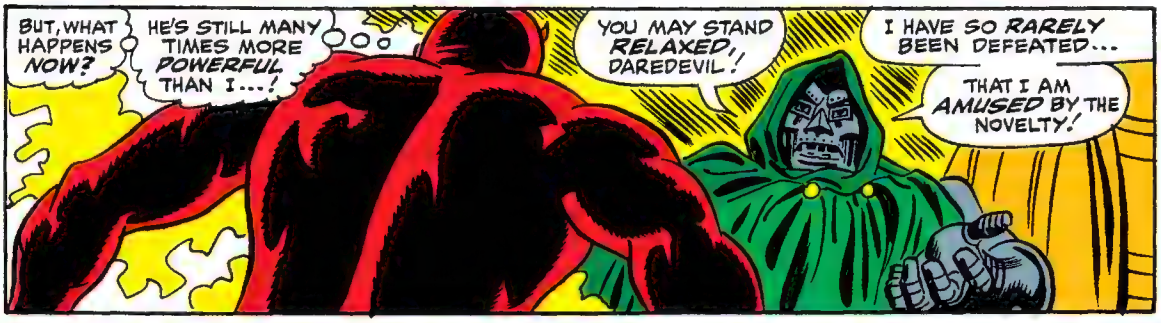
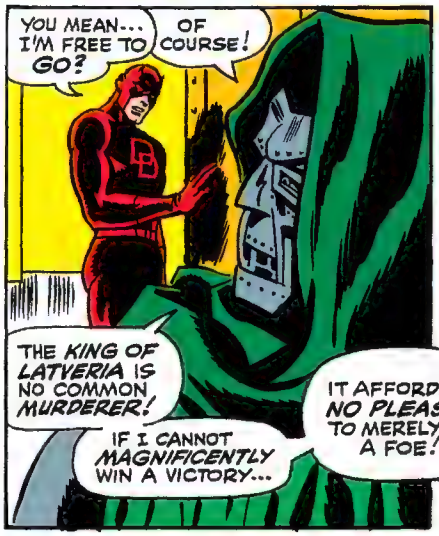
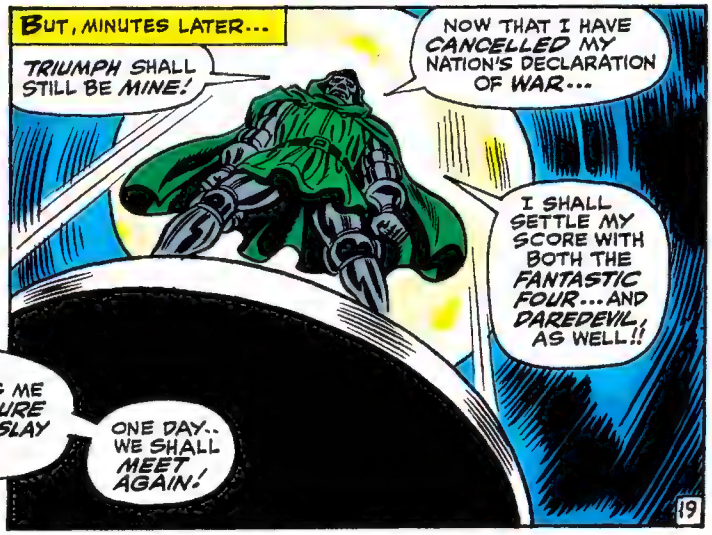
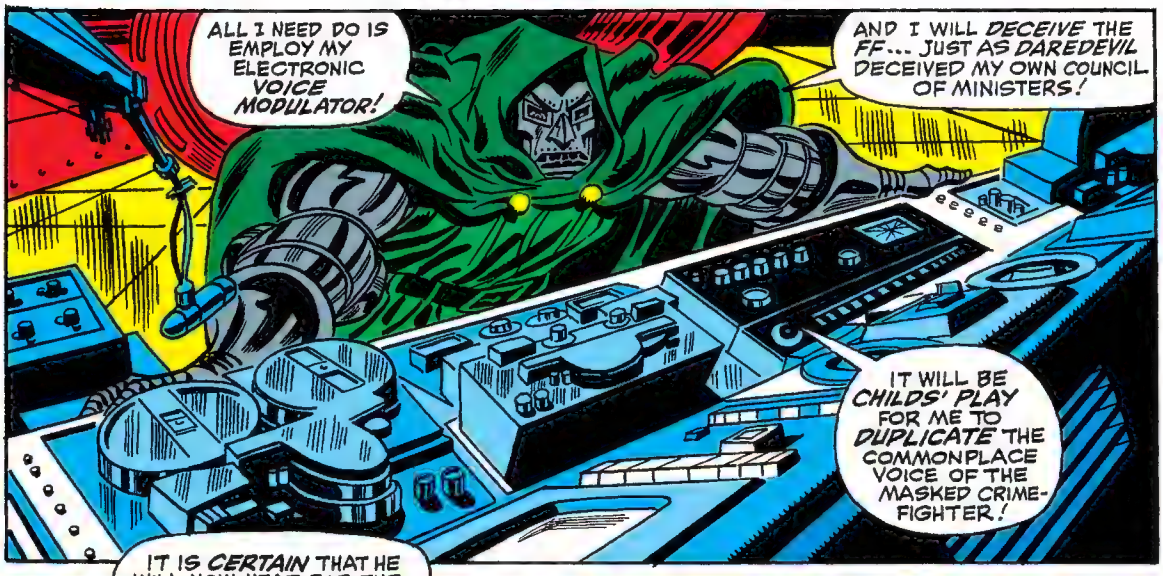
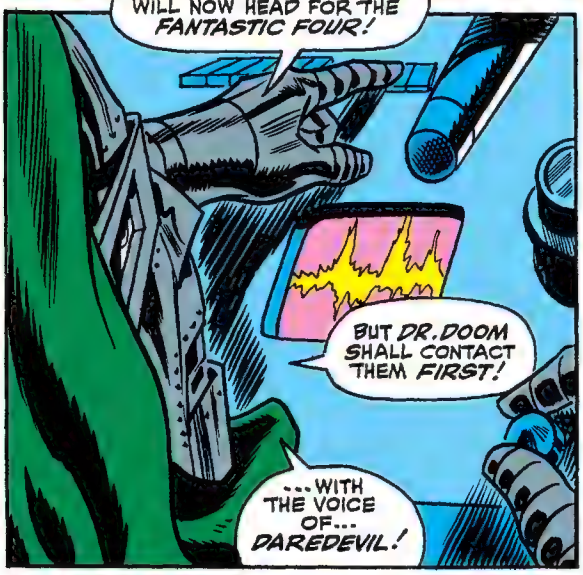

IT MUST HAVE TAKEN NEARLY A LIFETIME TO BUILD THE TRANSFER MACHINE...
AND, SINCE EVEN DOOM CAN ONLY LIVE ONE SINGLE LIFETIME...
THIS SHOULD INSURE THAT THERE'LL BE NO OTHER VICTIMS... EVER!
SPLAT
NO!


BUT, WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
HE'S STILL MANY TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN I...!
YOU MAY STAND RELAXED, DAREDEVIL!
I HAVE SO RARELY BEEN DEFEATED...
THAT I AM AMUSED BY THE NOVELTY!

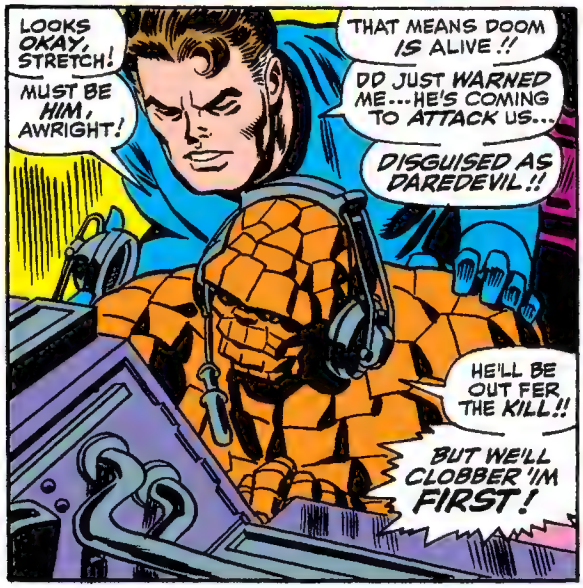

YOU MEAN... I'M FREE TO GO?
OF COURSE!
THE KING OF LATVERIA IS NO COMMON MURDERER!
IF I CANNOT MAGNIFICENTLY WIN A VICTORY...
IT AFFORDS ME NO PLEASURE TO MERELY SLAY A FOE!

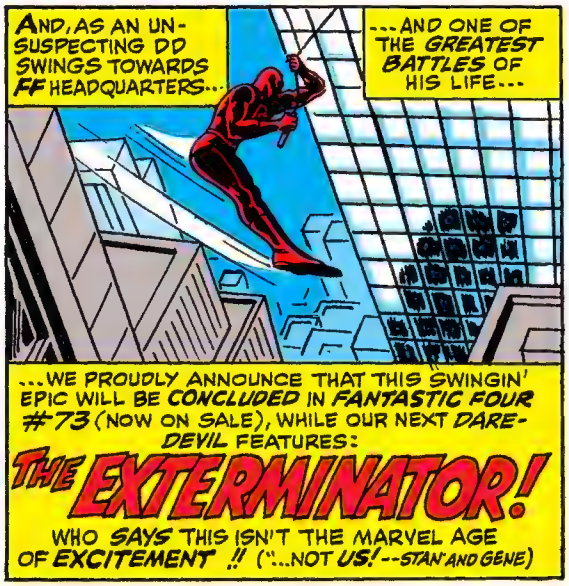

BUT, MINUTES LATER...
TRIUMPH SHALL STILL BE MINE!
NOW THAT I HAVE CANCELLED MY NATION'S DECLARATION OF WAR...
I SHALL SETTLE MY SCORE WITH BOTH THE FANTASTIC FOUR... AND DAREDEVIL, AS WELL!!
ONE DAY.. WE SHALL MEET AGAIN!


ALL I NEED DO IS EMPLOY MY ELECTRONIC VOICE MODULATOR!
AND I WILL DECEIVE THE FF... JUST AS DAREDEVIL DECEIVED MY OWN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS!
IT WILL BE CHILDS' PLAY FOR ME TO DUPLICATE THE COMMONPLACE VOICE OF THE MASKED CRIME-FIGHTER!


IT IS CERTAIN THAT HE WILL NOW HEAD FOR THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
BUT DR. DOOM SHALL CONTACT THEM FIRST!
...WITH THE VOICE OF... DAREDEVIL!

AND SO...
IT SOUNDS LIKE HIM... BUT I MUST BE SURE!
BEN! QUICK... CHECK THIS OUT AGAINST DD'S VOCA-FILE!


LOOKS OKAY, STRETCH!
MUST BE HIM, AWRIGHT!
THAT MEANS DOOM IS ALIVE!!
DD JUST WARNED ME... HE'S COMING TO ATTACK US...
DISGUISED AS DAREDEVIL!!
HE'LL BE OUT FER THE KILL!!
BUT WE'LL CLOBBER 'IM FIRST!


AND, AS AN UN-SUSPECTING DD SWINGS TOWARDS FF HEADQUARTERS...
...AND ONE OF THE GREATEST BATTLES OF HIS LIFE...
...WE PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THAT THIS SWINGIN' EPIC WILL BE CONCLUDED IN FANTASTIC FOUR #73 (NOW ON SALE), WHILE OUR NEXT DARE-DEVIL FEATURES:
THE EXTERMINATOR!
WHO SAYS THIS ISN'T THE MARVEL AGE OF EXCITEMENT !! ("...NOT US!--STAN AND GENE)

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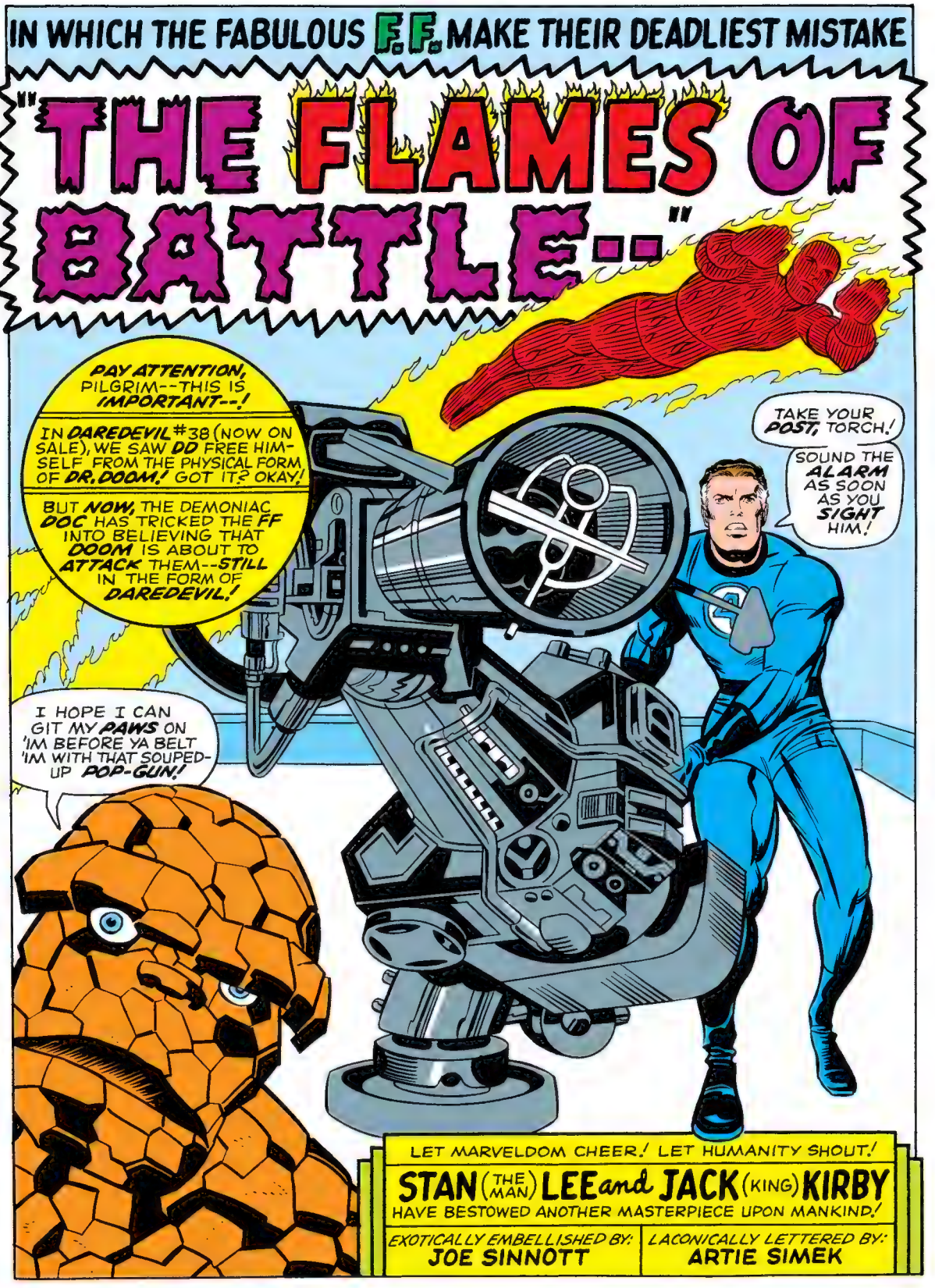
IN WHICH THE FABULOUS F.F. MAKE THEIR DEADLIEST MISTAKE
"THE FLAMES OF BATTLE..."
PAY ATTENTION, PILGRIM--THIS IS IMPORTANT--!
IN DAREDEVIL #38 (NOW ON SALE), WE SAW DO FREE HIMSELF FROM THE PHYSICAL FORM OF DR. DOOM! GOT IT? OKAY!
BUT NOW, THE DEMONIAC DOC HAS TRICKED THE FF INTO BELIEVING THAT DOOM IS ABOUT TO ATTACK THEM--STILL IN THE FORM OF DAREDEVIL!
TAKE YOUR POST, TORCH!
SOUND THE ALARM AS SOON AS YOU SIGHT HIM!
I HOPE I CAN GIT MY PAWS ON 'IM BEFORE YA BELT 'IM WITH THAT SOUPED-UP POP-GUN!
LET MARVELDOM CHEER! LET HUMANITY SHOUT!
STAN (THE MAN) LEE and JACK (KING) KIRBY
HAVE BESTOWED ANOTHER MASTERPIECE UPON MANKIND!
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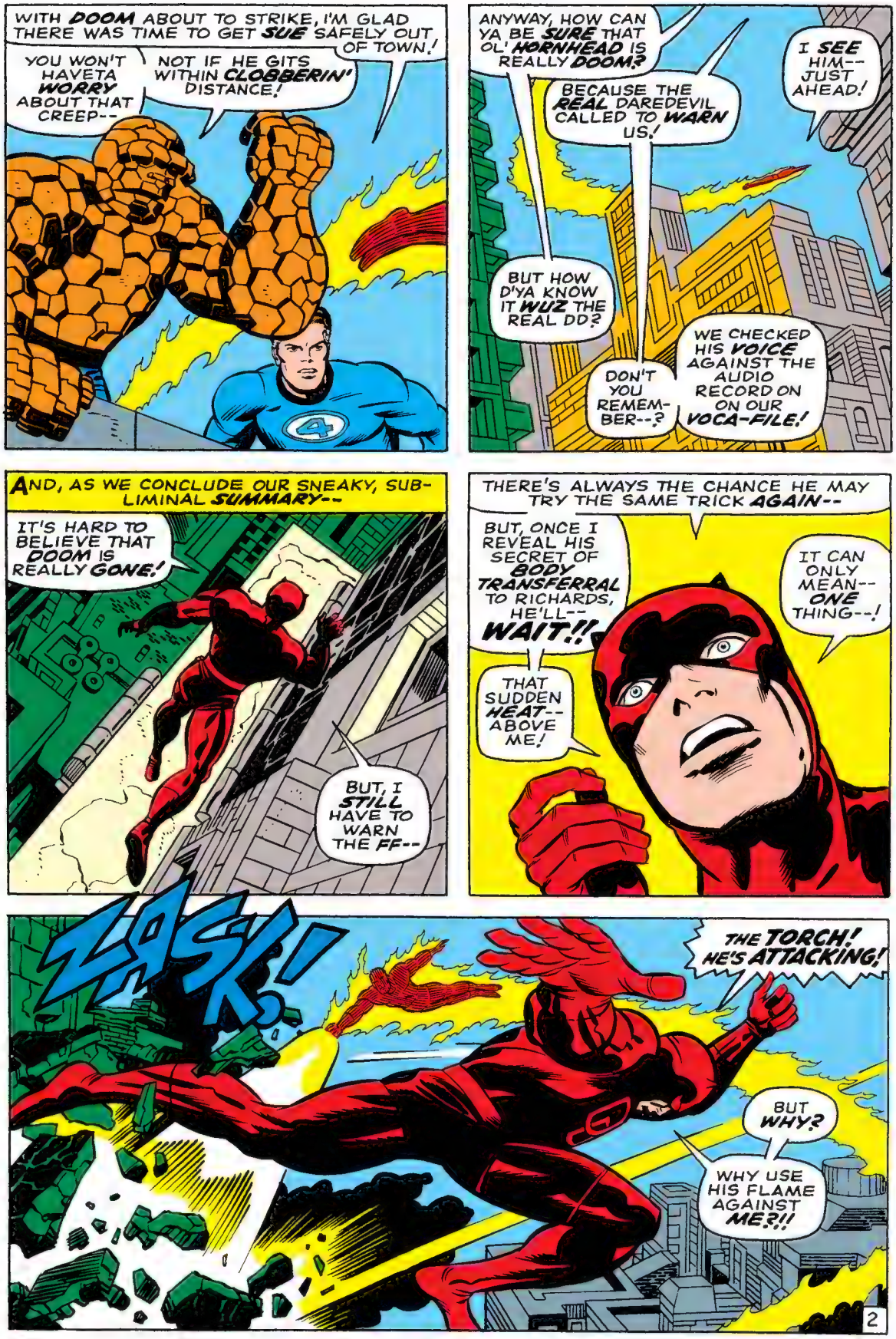
WITH DOOM ABOUT TO STRIKE, I'M GLAD THERE WAS TIME TO GET SUE SAFELY OUT OF TOWN!
YOU WON'T HAVETA WORRY ABOUT THAT CREEP--
NOT IF HE GITS WITHIN CLOBBERIN' DISTANCE!
ANYWAY, HOW CAN YA BE SURE THAT OL' HORNHEAD IS REALLY DOOM?
BECAUSE THE REAL DAREDEVIL CALLED TO WARN US!
I SEE HIM-- JUST AHEAD!
BUT HOW D'YA KNOW IT WUZ THE REAL DD?
DON'T YOU REMEM-BER--?
WE CHECKED HIS VOICE AGAINST THE AUDIO RECORD ON ON OUR VOCA-FILE!
AND, AS WE CONCLUDE OUR SNEAKY, SUB-LIMINAL SUMMARY--
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT DOOM IS REALLY GONE!
BUT, I STILL HAVE TO WARN THE FF--
THERE'S ALWAYS THE CHANCE HE MAY TRY THE SAME TRICK AGAIN--
BUT, ONCE I REVEAL HIS SECRET OF BODY TRANSFERRAL TO RICHARDS, HE'LL-- WAIT!!
IT CAN ONLY MEAN-- ONE THING--!
THAT SUDDEN HEAT-- ABOVE ME!
ZASK!
THE TORCH! HE'S ATTACKING!
BUT WHY?
WHY USE HIS FLAME AGAINST ME?!!
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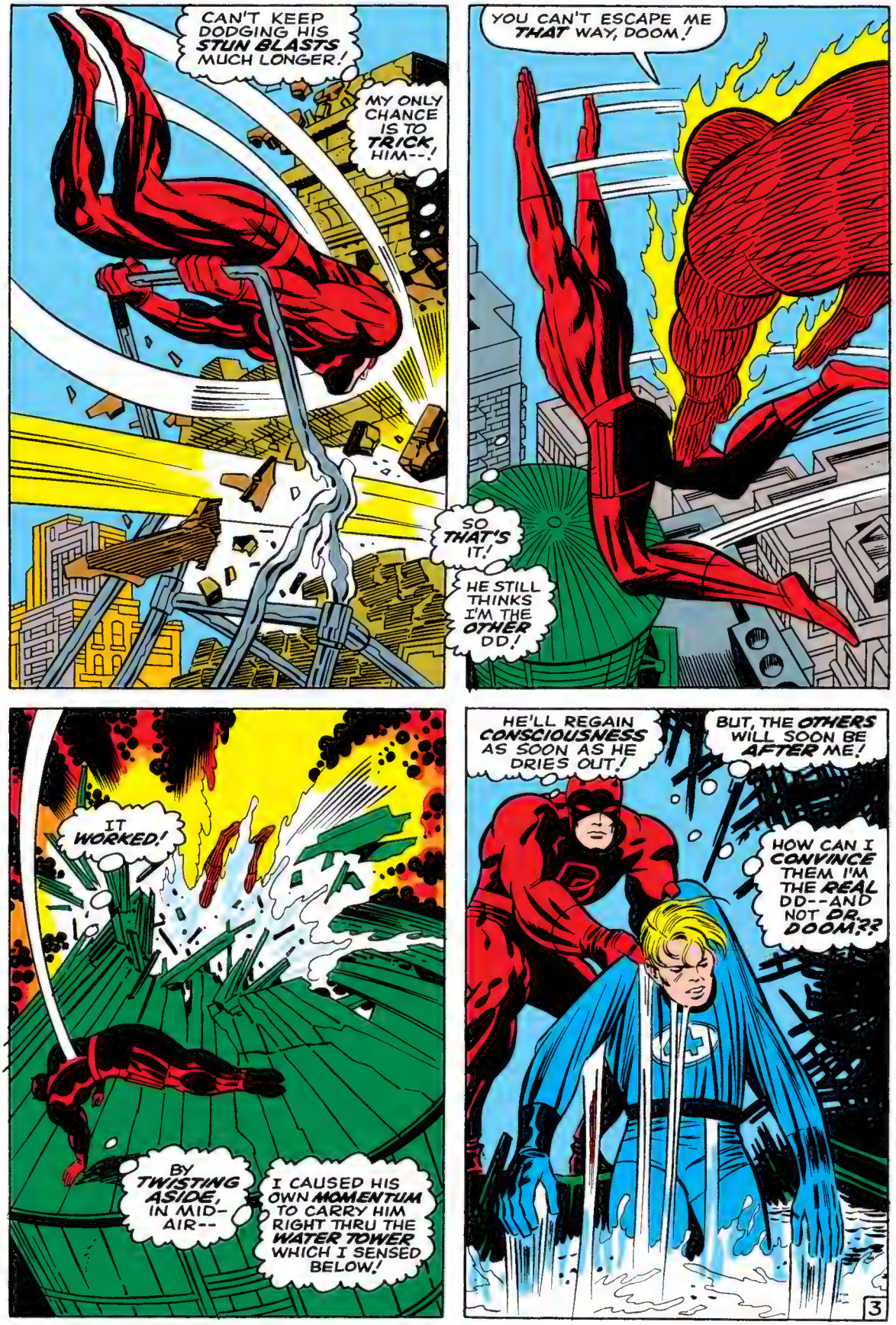
CAN'T KEEP DODGING HIS STUN BLASTS MUCH LONGER!
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO TRICK HIM--!
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME THAT WAY, DOOM!
SO THAT'S IT!
HE STILL THINKS I'M THE OTHER DD!
IT WORKED!
BY TWISTING ASIDE, IN MID-AIR--
I CAUSED HIS OWN MOMENTUM TO CARRY HIM RIGHT THRU THE WATER TOWER WHICH I SENSED BELOW!
HE'LL REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS AS SOON AS HE DRIES OUT!
BUT, THE OTHERS WILL SOON BE AFTER ME!
HOW CAN I CONVINCE THEM I'M THE REAL DD--AND NOT DR. DOOM??
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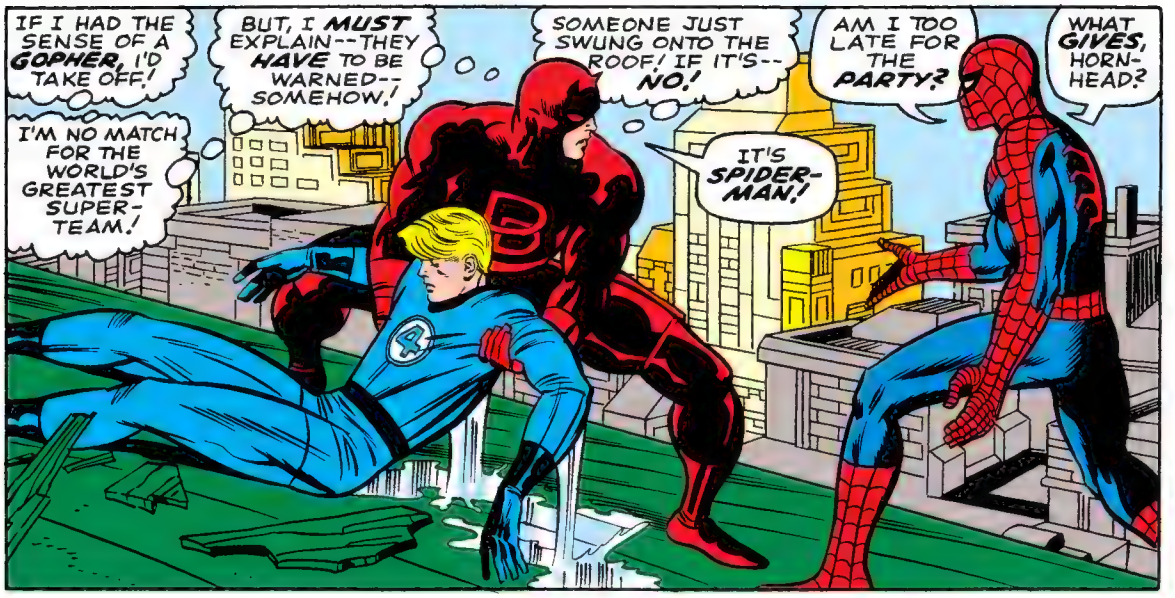
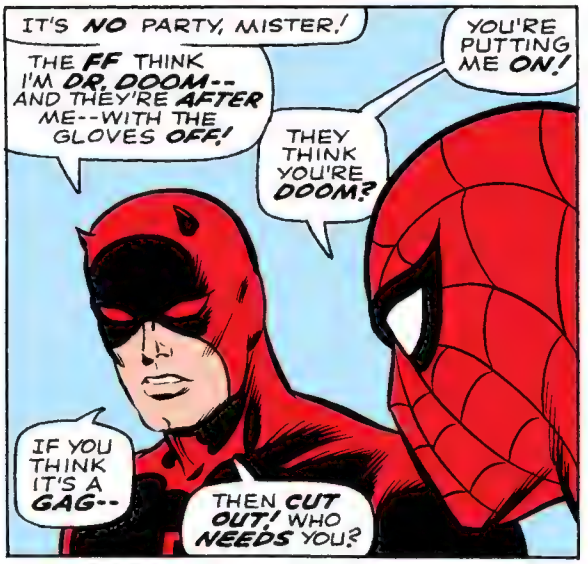
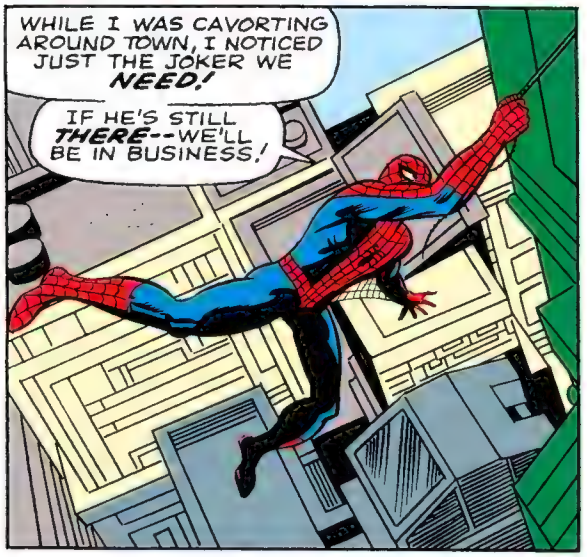
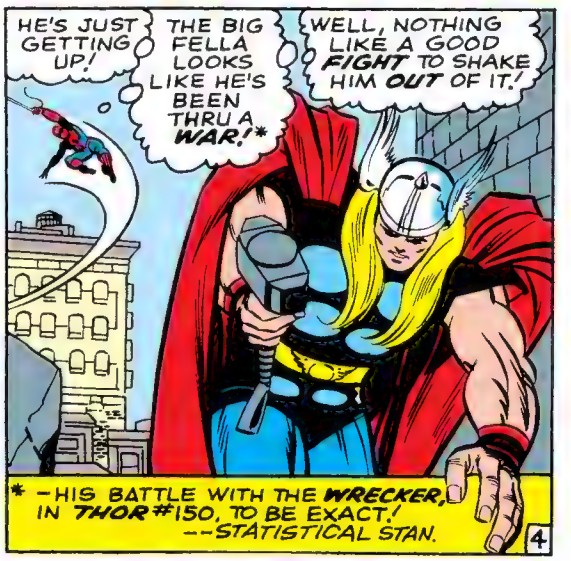
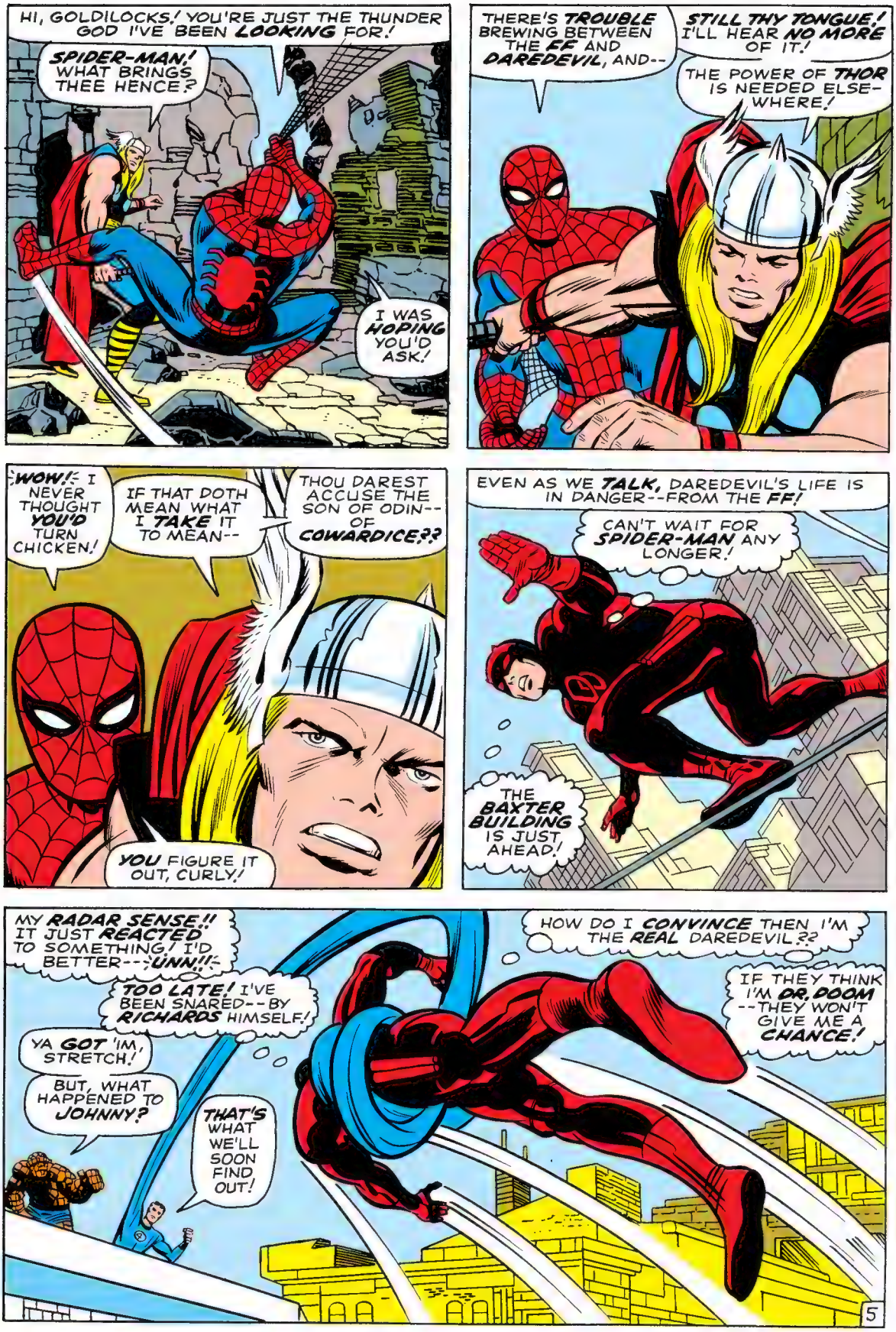

IF I HAD THE SENSE OF A GOPHER, I'D TAKE OFF!
BUT, I MUST EXPLAIN--THEY HAVE TO BE WARNED--SOMEHOW!
I'M NO MATCH FOR THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER-TEAM!
SOMEONE JUST SWUNG ONTO THE ROOF! IF IT'S--NO!
IT'S SPIDER-MAN!
AM I TOO LATE FOR THE PARTY?
WHAT GIVES, HORN-HEAD?


IT'S NO PARTY, MISTER!
THE FF THINK I'M DR. DOOM--AND THEY'RE AFTER ME--WITH THE GLOVES OFF!
YOU'RE PUTTING ME ON!
THEY THINK YOU'RE DOOM?
IF YOU THINK IT'S A GAG--
THEN CUT OUT! WHO NEEDS YOU?

YOU REALLY MEAN IT, EH? YOU ARE IN A JAM!
OKAY THEN--YOU CAN COUNT ON YOUR FRIENDLY, NEIGHBOR-HOOD SPIDER-MAN!
THWIP!
BUT, IF WE HAVE TO STAND UP TO THE FF--WE'LL NEED HELP!
HOLD IT! I DIDN'T ASK--!
REEE-LAX, SON!


WHILE I WAS CAVORTING AROUND TOWN, I NOTICED JUST THE JOKER WE NEED!
IF HE'S STILL THERE--WE'LL BE IN BUSINESS!


HE'S JUST GETTING UP!
THE BIG FELLA LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN THRU A WAR!*
WELL, NOTHING LIKE A GOOD FIGHT TO SHAKE HIM OUT OF IT!
* --HIS BATTLE WITH THE WRECKER, IN THOR #150, TO BE EXACT! --STATISTICAL STAN.


HI, GOLDILOCKS! YOU'RE JUST THE THUNDER GOD I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!
SPIDER-MAN! WHAT BRINGS THEE HENCE?
I WAS HOPING YOU'D ASK!
THERE'S TROUBLE BREWING BETWEEN THE FF AND DAREDEVIL, AND--
STILL THY TONGUE! I'LL HEAR NO MORE OF IT!
THE POWER OF THOR IS NEEDED ELSE-WHERE!
WOW!- I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D TURN CHICKEN!
IF THAT DOTH MEAN WHAT I TAKE IT TO MEAN--
THOU DAREST ACCUSE THE SON OF ODIN--OF COWARDICE??
YOU FIGURE IT OUT, CURLY!
EVEN AS WE TALK, DAREDEVIL'S LIFE IS IN DANGER--FROM THE FF!
CAN'T WAIT FOR SPIDER-MAN ANY LONGER!
THE BAXTER BUILDING IS JUST AHEAD!
MY RADAR SENSE!! IT JUST REACTED TO SOMETHING! I'D BETTER--UNN!!-
TOO LATE! I'VE BEEN SNARED--BY RICHARDS HIMSELF!
YA GOT 'IM, STRETCH!
BUT, WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHNNY?
THAT'S WHAT WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!
HOW DO I CONVINCE THEN I'M THE REAL DAREDEVIL??
IF THEY THINK I'M DR. DOOM --THEY WON'T GIVE ME A CHANCE!
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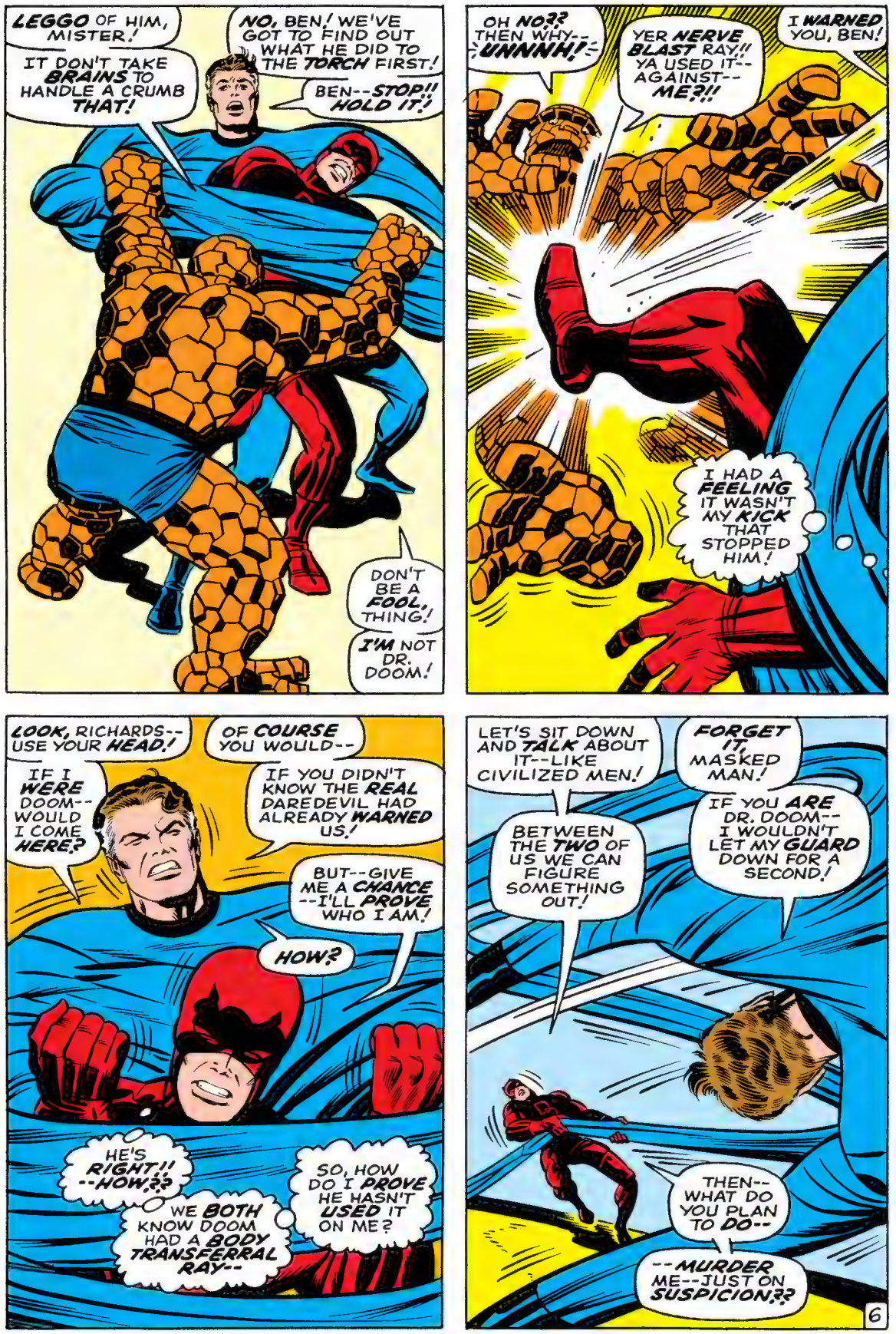
LEGGO OF HIM, MISTER!
NO, BEN! WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT HE DID TO THE TORCH FIRST!
IT DON'T TAKE BRAINS TO HANDLE A CRUMB THAT!
BEN--STOP!! HOLD IT!
DON'T BE A FOOL, THING!
I'M NOT DR. DOOM!
OH NO?? THEN WHY-- UNNNH!
YER NERVE BLAST RAY!! YA USED IT-- AGAINST-- ME?!!
I WARNED YOU, BEN!
I HAD A FEELING IT WASN'T MY KICK THAT STOPPED HIM!
LOOK, RICHARDS-- USE YOUR HEAD!
OF COURSE YOU WOULD--
IF I WERE DOOM-- WOULD I COME HERE?
IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE REAL DAREDEVIL HAD ALREADY WARNED US!
BUT--GIVE ME A CHANCE --I'LL PROVE WHO I AM!
HOW?
HE'S RIGHT!! --HOW??
WE BOTH KNOW DOOM HAD A BODY TRANSFERRAL RAY--
SO, HOW DO I PROVE HE HASN'T USED IT ON ME?
LET'S SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT IT--LIKE CIVILIZED MEN!
FORGET IT, MASKED MAN!
IF YOU ARE DR. DOOM-- I WOULDN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN FOR A SECOND!
BETWEEN THE TWO OF US WE CAN FIGURE SOMETHING OUT!
THEN-- WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO--
--MURDER ME--JUST ON SUSPICION??
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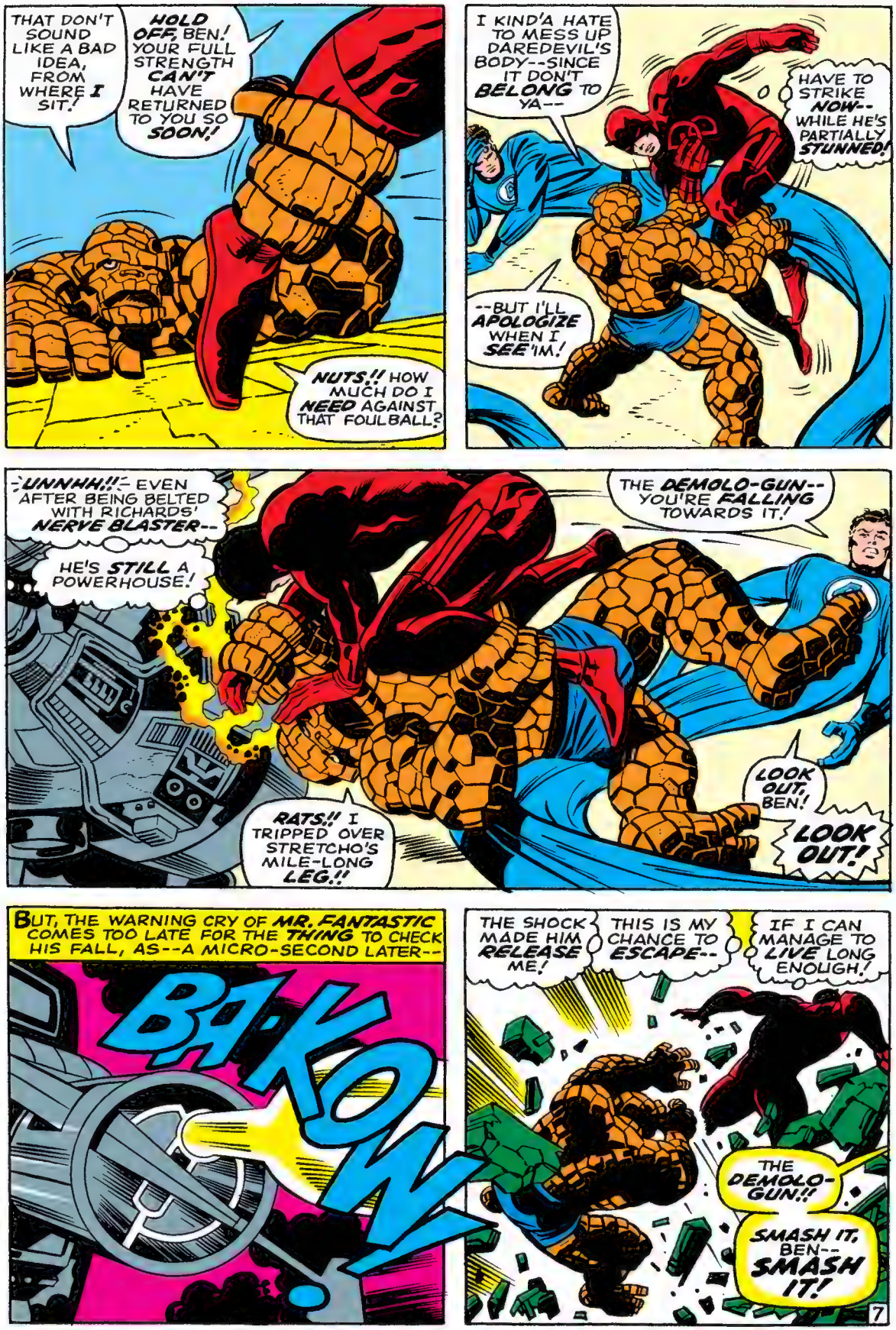
THAT DON'T SOUND LIKE A BAD IDEA, FROM WHERE I SIT!
HOLD OFF, BEN! YOUR FULL STRENGTH CAN'T HAVE RETURNED TO YOU SO SOON!
NUTS!! HOW MUCH DO I NEED AGAINST THAT FOULBALL?
I KIND'A HATE TO MESS UP DAREDEVIL'S BODY--SINCE IT DON'T BELONG TO YA--
--BUT I'LL APOLOGIZE WHEN I SEE 'IM!
HAVE TO STRIKE NOW-- WHILE HE'S PARTIALLY STUNNED!
-UNNHH!!- EVEN AFTER BEING BELTED WITH RICHARDS' NERVE BLASTER--
HE'S STILL A POWERHOUSE!
THE DEMOLO-GUN-- YOU'RE FALLING TOWARDS IT!
LOOK OUT, BEN!
LOOK OUT!
RATS!! I TRIPPED OVER STRETCHO'S MILE-LONG LEG!!
BUT, THE WARNING CRY OF MR. FANTASTIC COMES TOO LATE FOR THE THING TO CHECK HIS FALL, AS--A MICRO-SECOND LATER--
BA-KOW
THE SHOCK MADE HIM RELEASE ME!
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO ESCAPE--
IF I CAN MANAGE TO LIVE LONG ENOUGH!
THE DEMOLO-GUN!!
SMASH IT, BEN-- SMASH IT!
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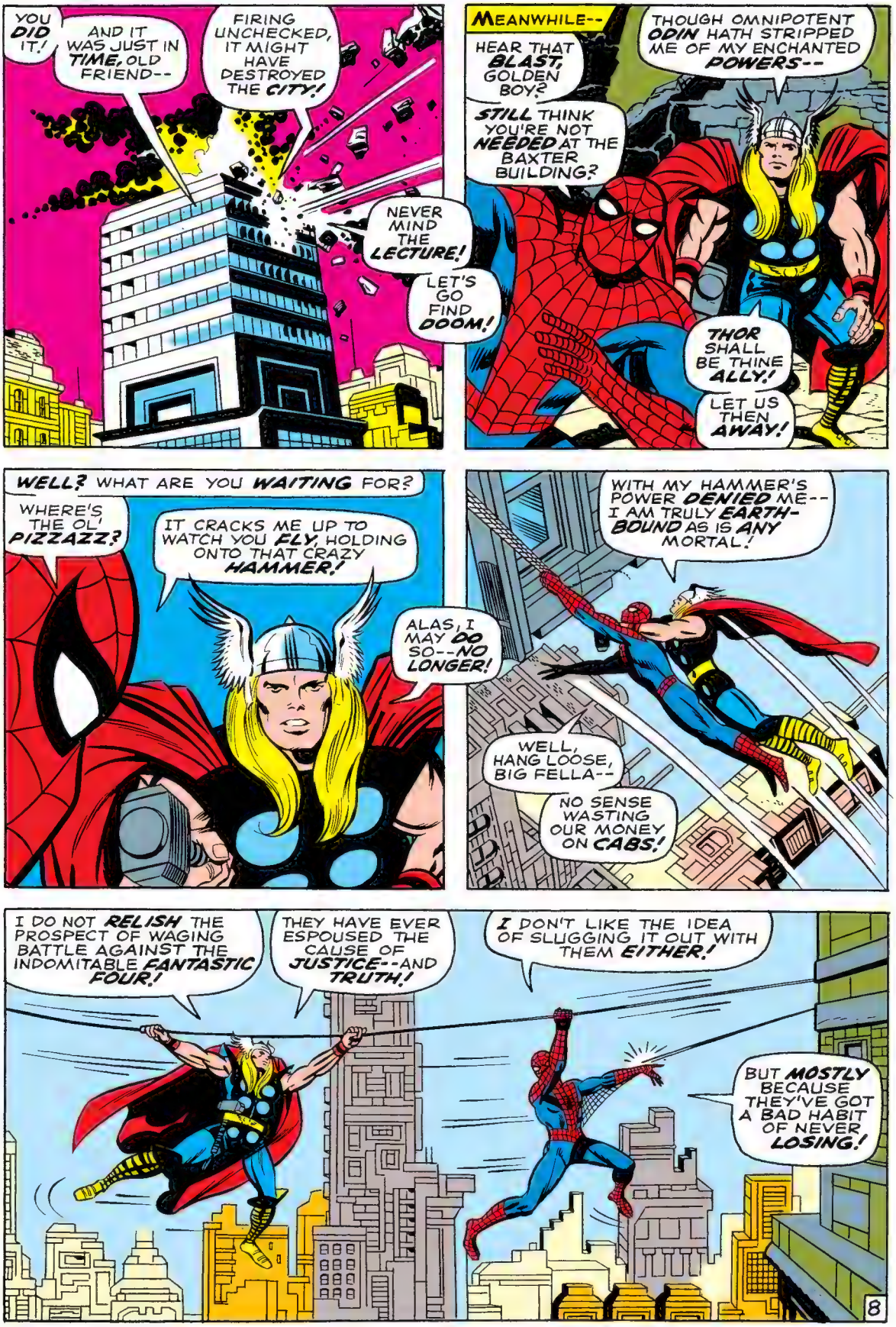
YOU DID IT!
AND IT WAS JUST IN TIME, OLD FRIEND--
FIRING UNCHECKED, IT MIGHT HAVE DESTROYED THE CITY!
NEVER MIND THE LECTURE!
LET'S GO FIND DOOM!
MEANWHILE--
HEAR THAT BLAST, GOLDEN BOY?
STILL THINK YOU'RE NOT NEEDED AT THE BAXTER BUILDING?
THOUGH OMNIPOTENT ODIN HATH STRIPPED ME OF MY ENCHANTED POWERS--
THOR SHALL BE THINE ALLY!
LET US THEN AWAY!
WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
WHERE'S THE OL' PIZZAZZ?
IT CRACKS ME UP TO WATCH YOU FLY, HOLDING ONTO THAT CRAZY HAMMER!
ALAS, I MAY DO SO--NO LONGER!
WITH MY HAMMER'S POWER DENIED ME--I AM TRULY EARTH-BOUND AS IS ANY MORTAL!
WELL, HANG LOOSE, BIG FELLA--
NO SENSE WASTING OUR MONEY ON CABS!
I DO NOT RELISH THE PROSPECT OF WAGING BATTLE AGAINST THE INDOMITABLE FANTASTIC FOUR!
THEY HAVE EVER ESPOUSED THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE--AND TRUTH!
I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF SLUGGING IT OUT WITH THEM EITHER!
BUT MOSTLY BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT A BAD HABIT OF NEVER LOSING!
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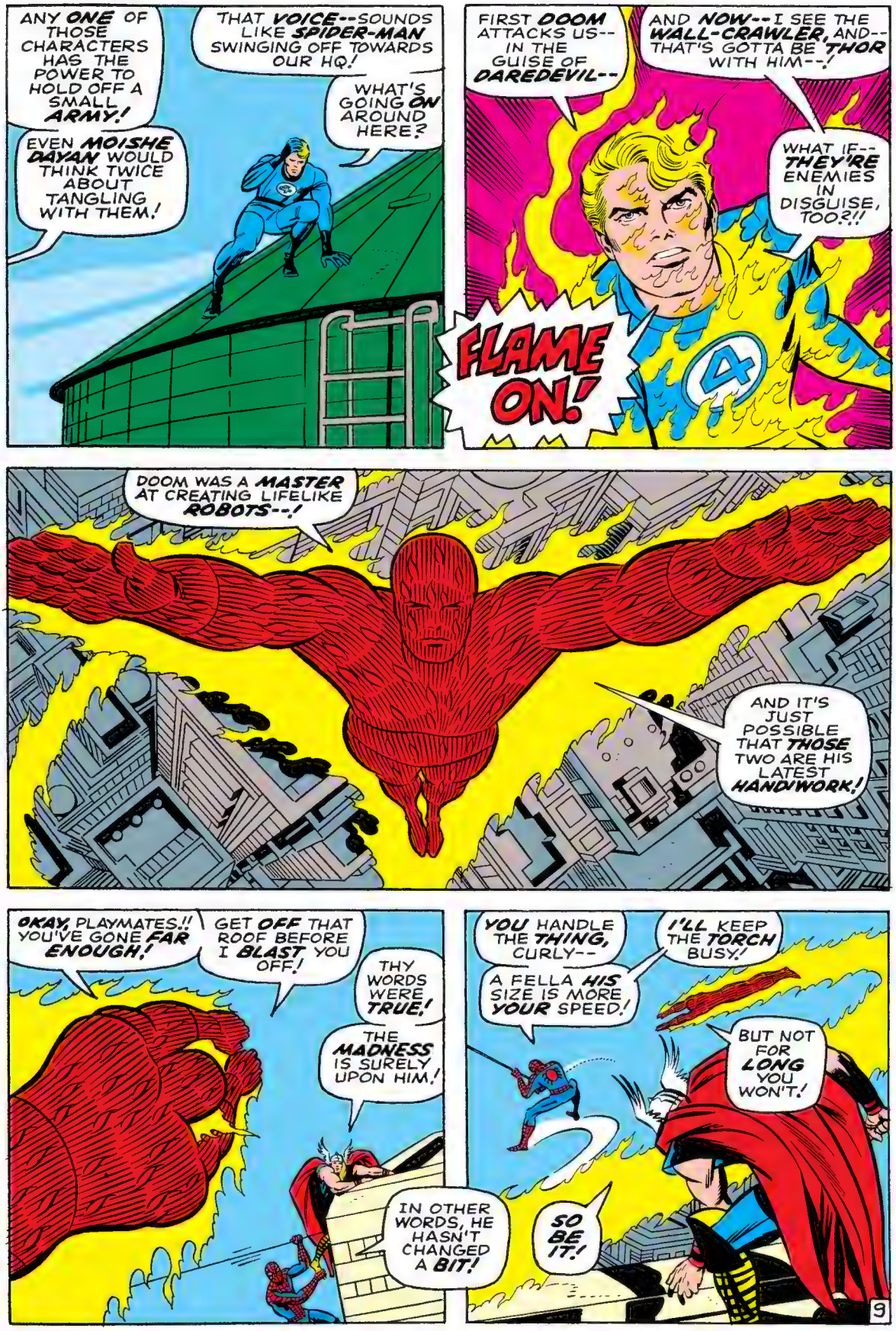
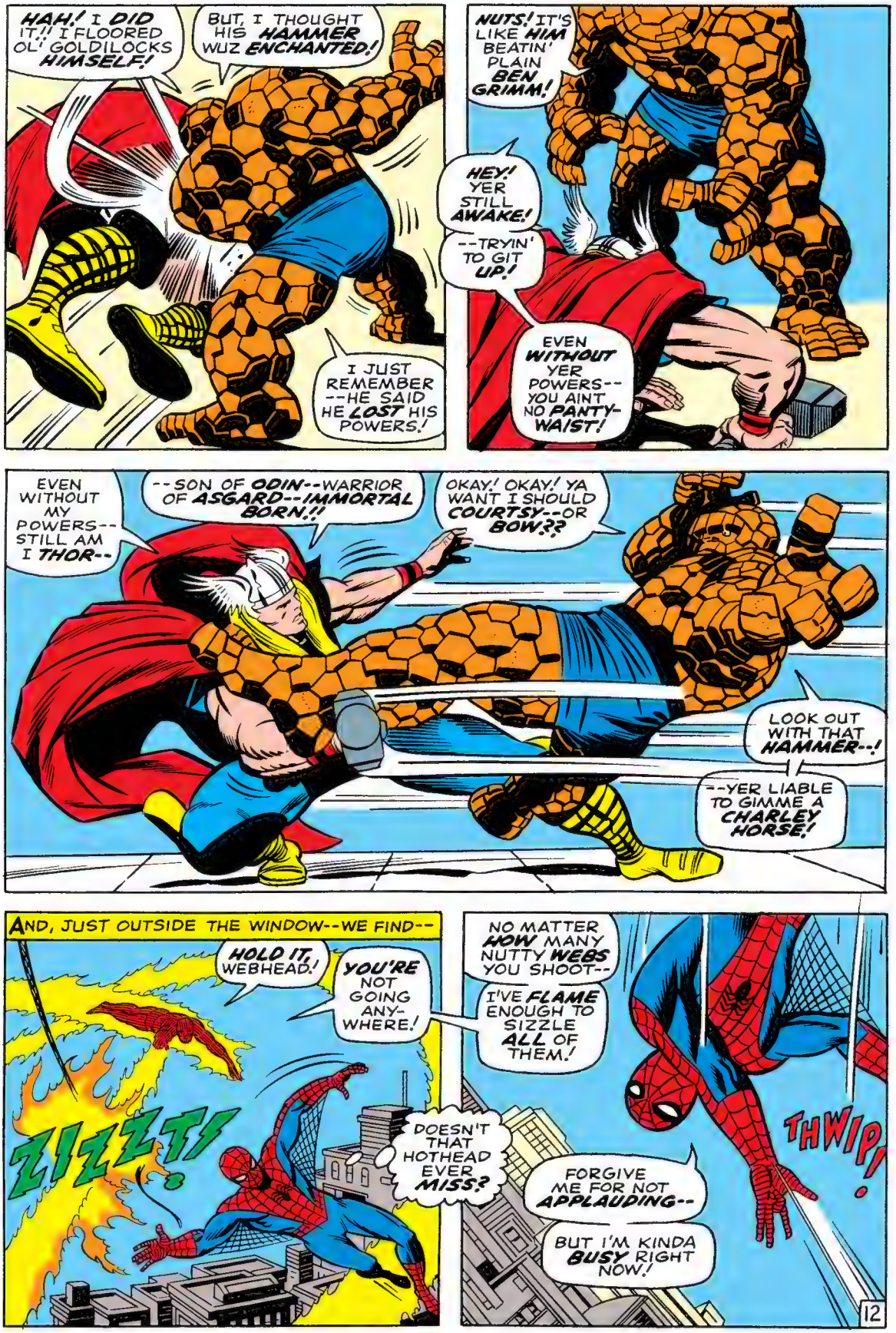
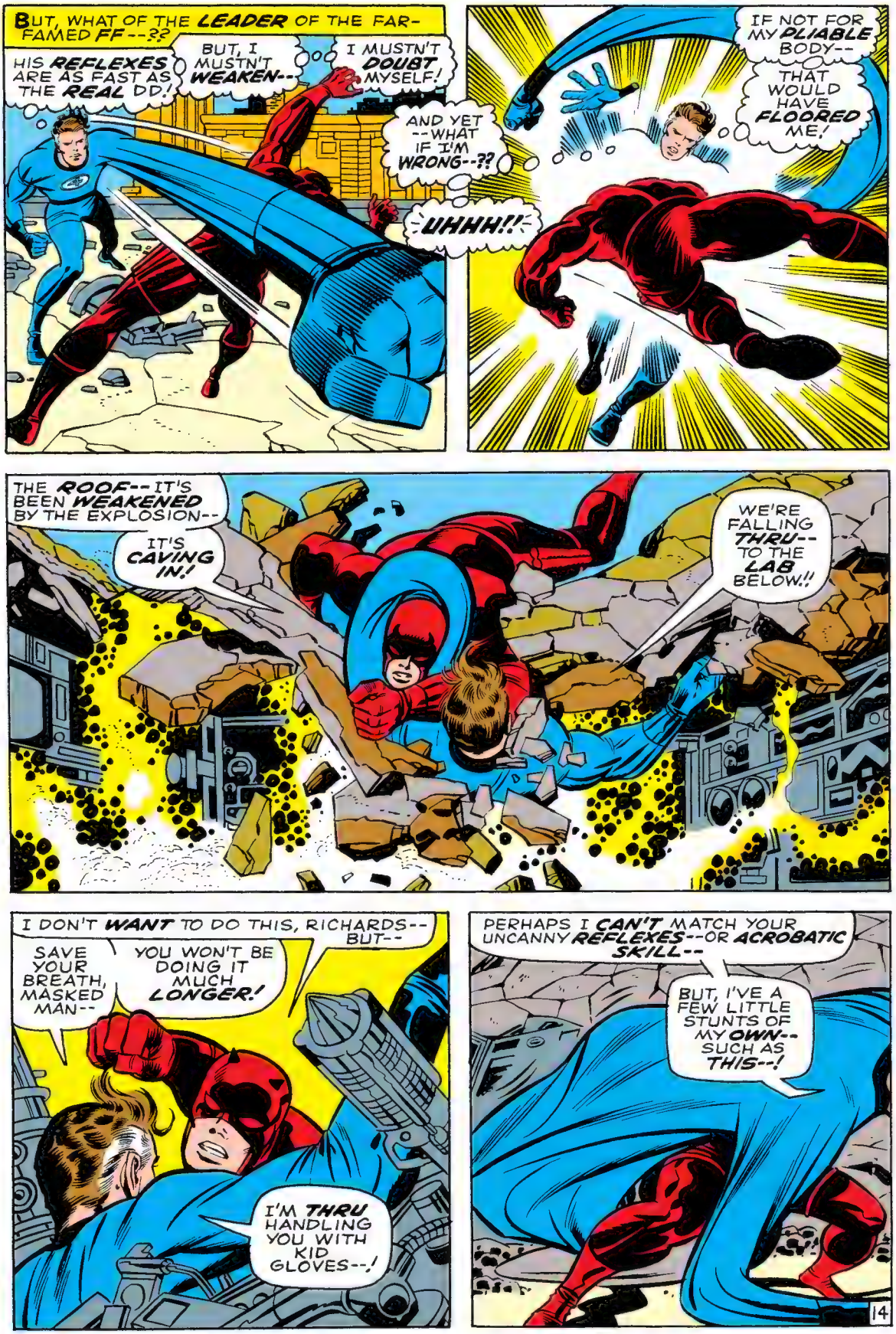

ANY ONE OF THOSE CHARACTERS HAS THE POWER TO HOLD OFF A SMALL ARMY!
EVEN MOISHE DAYAN WOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT TANGLING WITH THEM!
THAT VOICE--SOUNDS LIKE SPIDER-MAN SWINGING OFF TOWARDS OUR HQ!
WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?
FIRST DOOM ATTACKS US--IN THE GUISE OF DAREDEVIL--
AND NOW--I SEE THE WALL-CRAWLER, AND--THAT'S GOTTA BE THOR WITH HIM--!
WHAT IF--THEY'RE ENEMIES IN DISGUISE, TOO?!!
FLAME ON!
DOOM WAS A MASTER AT CREATING LIFELIKE ROBOTS--!
AND IT'S JUST POSSIBLE THAT THOSE TWO ARE HIS LATEST HANDIWORK!
OKAY, PLAYMATES!! YOU'VE GONE FAR ENOUGH!
GET OFF THAT ROOF BEFORE I BLAST YOU OFF!
THY WORDS WERE TRUE!
THE MADNESS IS SURELY UPON HIM!
IN OTHER WORDS, HE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT!
YOU HANDLE THE THING, CURLY--
I'LL KEEP THE TORCH BUSY!
A FELLA HIS SIZE IS MORE YOUR SPEED!
BUT NOT FOR LONG YOU WON'T!
SO BE IT!

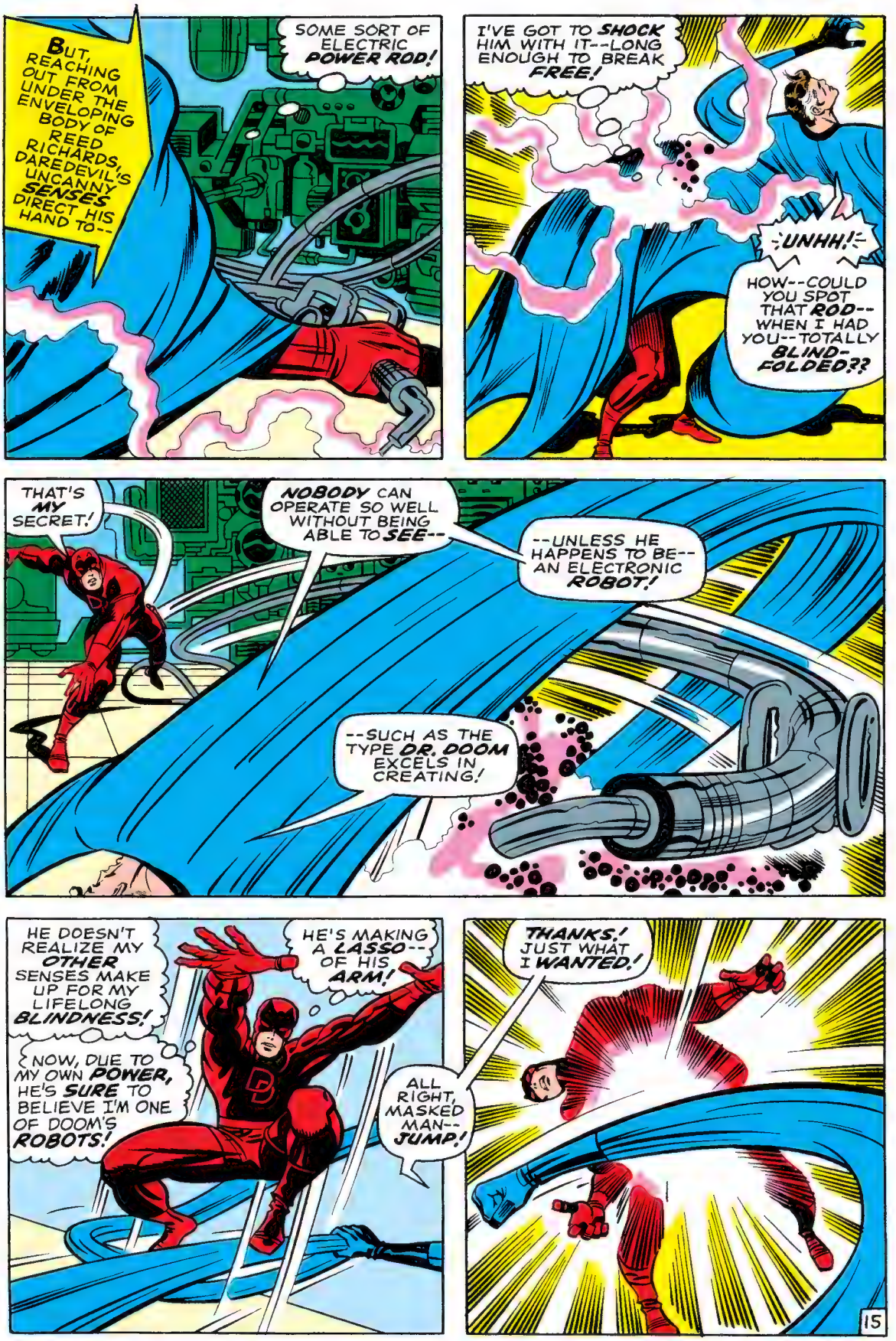
STAY THY HANDS!
'TIS THE GOD OF THUNDER WHO DOTH COMMAND THEE!
IT COULD BE ANOTHER OF DOOM'S TRAPS, BEN!
HOLD HIM OFF WHILE I SETTLE WITH THE BOGUS DAREDEVIL!
AT LAST--SOMEONE BIG ENUFF FER ME TO CLOBBER!
AND YET--WHAT IF HE REALLY IS DAREDEVIL?
HOW CAN I EVER KNOW?
THOR--SPIDER-MAN--HERE TO HELP ME!
BUT--AGAINST THE FANTASTIC FOUR--WILL THE TWO OF THEM BE ENOUGH??
I GOTTA HAND IT TO YER BOSS--DOC DOOM!
WHAT?!! THOU DOST TAKE ME FOR A BASE IMPOSTOR?!!
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SWEAR YA REALLY ARE OL' GOLDILOCKS!
TRULY, THERE BE MADNESS UNBRIDLED AMONGST YE MORTALS!
WATCH YER LANGWICH, CORNBALL!!
THERE MAY BE SOME CHICKS AROUND!
HUH? HOW'DJA DODGE THAT HAY-MAKER?
THINK YOU THE THUNDER GOD BE NOT SWIFT OF EYE AND FLEET OF LIMB?

FOR ASGARD-- AND HONOR IMPERIAL!!
IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME-- RIGHT BACK ATCHA!


HAH! I DID IT!! I FLOORED OL' GOLDILOCKS HIMSELF!
BUT, I THOUGHT HIS HAMMER WUZ ENCHANTED!
I JUST REMEMBER --HE SAID HE LOST HIS POWERS!
NUTS! IT'S LIKE HIM BEATIN' PLAIN BEN GRIMM!
HEY! YER STILL AWAKE!
--TRYIN' TO GIT UP!
EVEN WITHOUT YER POWERS-- YOU AINT NO PANTY-WAIST!
EVEN WITHOUT MY POWERS-- STILL AM I THOR--
--SON OF ODIN--WARRIOR OF ASGARD--IMMORTAL BORN.!!
OKAY! OKAY! YA WANT I SHOULD COURTSY--OR BOW??
LOOK OUT WITH THAT HAMMER--!
--YER LIABLE TO GIMME A CHARLEY HORSE!
AND, JUST OUTSIDE THE WINDOW--WE FIND--
HOLD IT, WEBHEAD!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!
ZIZZT!
DOESN'T THAT HOTHEAD EVER MISS?
NO MATTER HOW MANY NUTTY WEBS YOU SHOOT--
I'VE FLAME ENOUGH TO SIZZLE ALL OF THEM!
THWIP!
FORGIVE ME FOR NOT APPLAUDING--
BUT I'M KINDA BUSY RIGHT NOW!

I FIGURED YOU'D TRY TO LOSE ME AROUND THAT CORNER!
YOU DISAPPOINT ME, WALL-CRAWLER--
DO YOU THINK YOU'RE PLAYING WITH AMATEURS?
ANSWER ME WHEN I TALK TO YOU!!
--OR CAN YOU ONLY TALK WHEN DOOM PULLS THE STRINGS?
HE LANDED ON THE ROOF OF A CHEMICAL PLANT!
GOTTA REACH HIM, BEFORE HE CAN--
-UH OH!!-
I CAN'T STOP IN TIME--!
THOSE FUMES-- FROM THE CHIMNEY--
WHEN MY FLAME HITS THEM, THEY'LL--
-UNNHH!!-


BUT, WHAT OF THE LEADER OF THE FAR-FAMED FF--??
HIS REFLEXES ARE AS FAST AS THE REAL DD!
BUT, I MUSTN'T WEAKEN--
I MUSTN'T DOUBT MYSELF!
AND YET --WHAT IF I'M WRONG--??
UHHH!!
IF NOT FOR MY PLIABLE BODY--
THAT WOULD HAVE FLOORED ME!
THE ROOF--IT'S BEEN WEAKENED BY THE EXPLOSION--
IT'S CAVING IN!
WE'RE FALLING THRU--TO THE LAB BELOW!!
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS, RICHARDS--BUT--
SAVE YOUR BREATH, MASKED MAN--
YOU WON'T BE DOING IT MUCH LONGER!
I'M THRU HANDLING YOU WITH KID GLOVES--!
PERHAPS I CAN'T MATCH YOUR UNCANNY REFLEXES--OR ACROBATIC SKILL--
BUT, I'VE A FEW LITTLE STUNTS OF MY OWN--SUCH AS THIS--!


BUT, REACHING OUT FROM UNDER THE ENVELOPING BODY OF REED RICHARDS, DAREDEVIL'S UNCANNY SENSES DIRECT HIS HAND TO--
SOME SORT OF ELECTRIC POWER ROD!
I'VE GOT TO SHOCK HIM WITH IT--LONG ENOUGH TO BREAK FREE!
:UNHH!:
HOW--COULD YOU SPOT THAT ROD--WHEN I HAD YOU--TOTALLY BLINDFOLDED??
THAT'S MY SECRET!
NOBODY CAN OPERATE SO WELL WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO SEE--
--UNLESS HE HAPPENS TO BE--AN ELECTRONIC ROBOT!
--SUCH AS THE TYPE DR. DOOM EXCELS IN CREATING!
HE DOESN'T REALIZE MY OTHER SENSES MAKE UP FOR MY LIFELONG BLINDNESS!
NOW, DUE TO MY OWN POWER, HE'S SURE TO BELIEVE I'M ONE OF DOOM'S ROBOTS!
HE'S MAKING A LASSO--OF HIS ARM!
ALL RIGHT, MASKED MAN--JUMP!
THANKS! JUST WHAT I WANTED!
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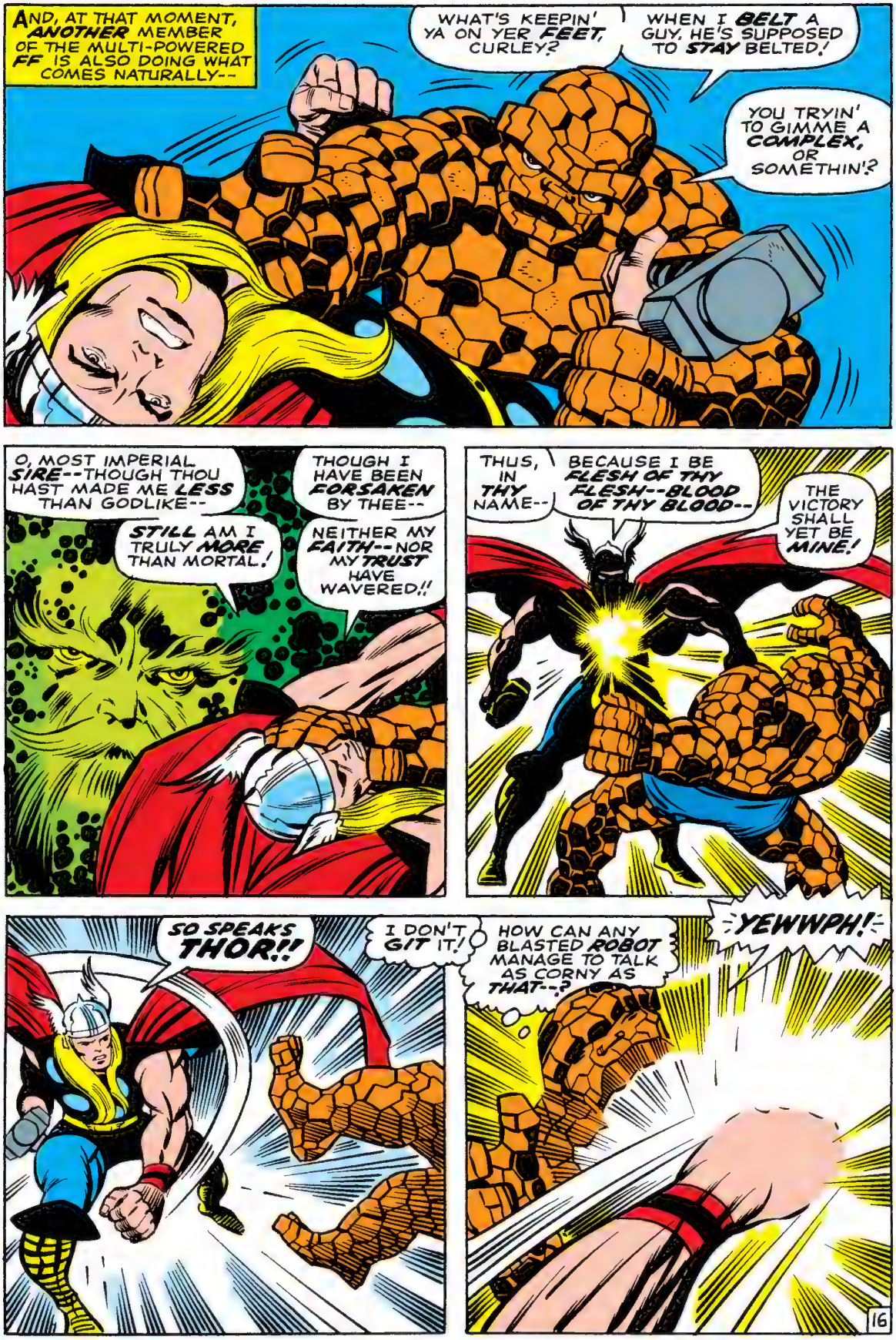
AND, AT THAT MOMENT, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE MULTI-POWERED FF IS ALSO DOING WHAT COMES NATURALLY--
WHAT'S KEEPIN' YA ON YER FEET, CURLEY?
WHEN I BELT A GUY, HE'S SUPPOSED TO STAY BELTED!
YOU TRYIN' TO GIMME A COMPLEX, OR SOMETHIN'?
O, MOST IMPERIAL SIRE--THOUGH THOU HAST MADE ME LESS THAN GODLIKE--
THOUGH I HAVE BEEN FORSAKEN BY THEE--
STILL AM I TRULY MORE THAN MORTAL!
NEITHER MY FAITH--NOR MY TRUST HAVE WAVERED!!
THUS, IN THY NAME--
BECAUSE I BE FLESH OF THY FLESH--BLOOD OF THY BLOOD--
THE VICTORY SHALL YET BE MINE!
SO SPEAKS THOR!!
I DON'T GIT IT!
HOW CAN ANY BLASTED ROBOT MANAGE TO TALK AS CORNY AS THAT--?
-YEWWPH!-

THIS IS BATTY!!
EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TA FLATTEN THE WHOLE BUNCH'A YA--
WE KEEP PULLIN' OUR PUNCHES--ON ACCOUNT'A YA LOOK LIKE THE GOOD GUYS!
WITLESS CHURL! DOST THOU TAKE US FOR KNAVES?
THINK YOU WE BE LESS THAN WHAT WE SEEM?
HOW'S A GUY TO KNOW WHAT TO THINK--WITH YOU TALKIN' LIKE A REFUGEE FROM A ROAD-SHOW HAMLET!
I CAN'T MAKE MYSELF TEAR INTA HIM--I JUST CAN'T!
TO THINK THAT THE ONCE-PROUD FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE TURNED TO CRAVEN SAVAGERY!
NOW YA DID IT!
I AINT SURE I KNOW WHAT YA SAID--
--BUT IT SOUNDED TO ME LIKE YER PUTTIN' DOWN THE FF--
AND NOBODY DOES THAT WHILE BASHFUL BENJAMIN'S AROUND!!
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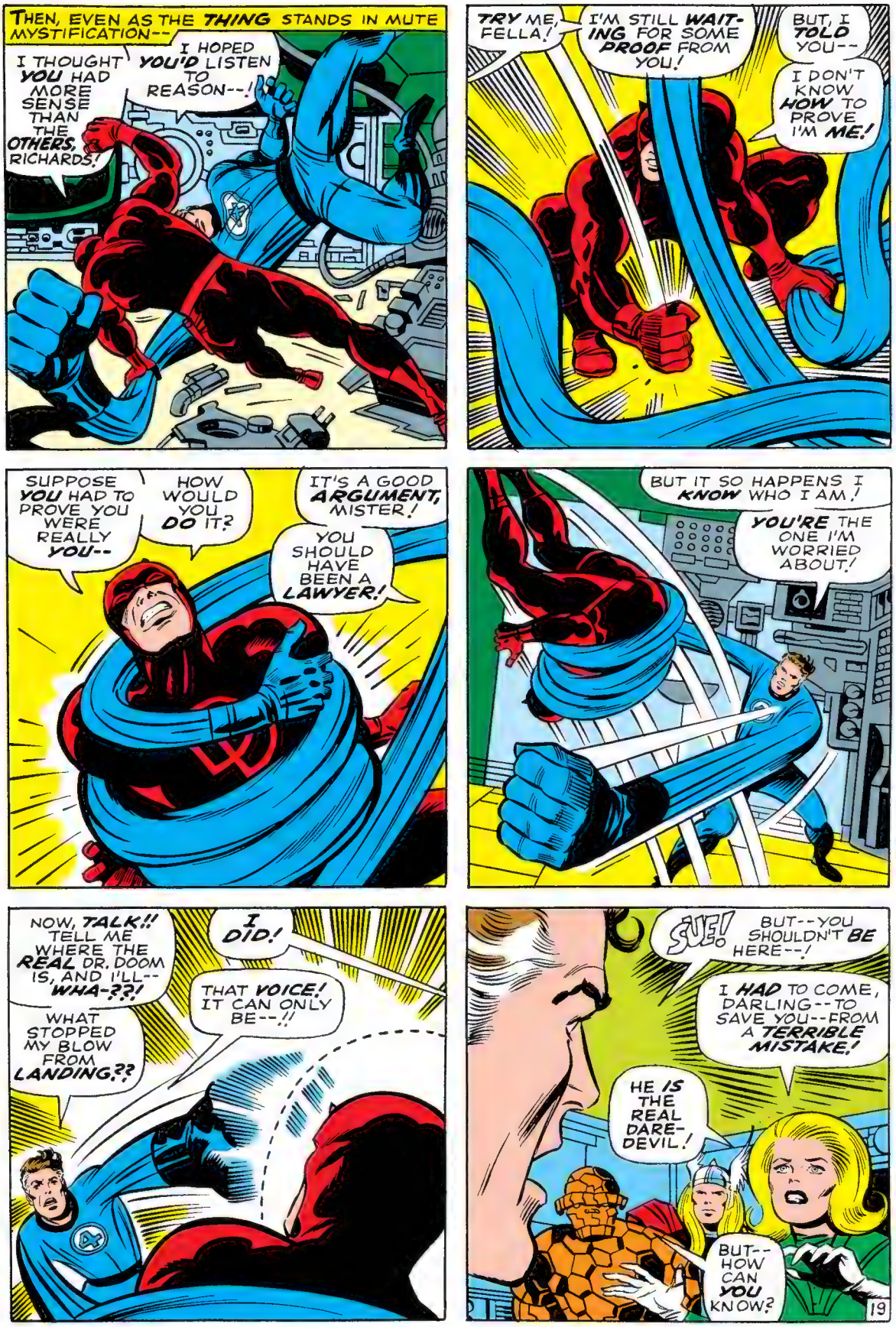
MOVING WITH A SPEED BELYING HIS PONDEROUS SIZE, THE NOW-FIGHTING-MAD THING UNLEASHES ONE PULVERIZING BLOW--SHATTERING THE SOLID CEMENT BENEATH HIS FEET--!
BLAM!
FIRST OF ALL--I'LL GITCHA INTO CLOBBERIN' POSITION--!
HAVE A CARE, MORTAL!
THOU ART TOYING WITH POWER FAR BEYOND THY COMPREHENSION!
YEAH--SURE!
I'LL TELL 'IM WHEN HE COMES IN!
AWRIGHT, ROBOT--
HERE'S WHERE I PART YA FROM ALL YER LITTLE COGWHEELS!
SPANG!
HEY!--WHAT GIVES--?
I HIT SOMETHIN'--BUT--IT WUZN'T THOR!
HE'S STILL STANDIN'--LIKE NOTHIN' HAPPENED!
--AND HE LOOKS AS SURPRISED AS I AM!


THEN, EVEN AS THE THING STANDS IN MUTE MYSTIFICATION--
I THOUGHT YOU HAD MORE SENSE THAN THE OTHERS, RICHARDS!
I HOPED YOU'D LISTEN TO REASON--!
TRY ME, FELLA!
I'M STILL WAITING FOR SOME PROOF FROM YOU!
BUT, I TOLD YOU--
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PROVE I'M ME!
SUPPOSE YOU HAD TO PROVE YOU WERE REALLY YOU--
HOW WOULD YOU DO IT?
IT'S A GOOD ARGUMENT, MISTER!
YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN A LAWYER!
BUT IT SO HAPPENS I KNOW WHO I AM!
YOU'RE THE ONE I'M WORRIED ABOUT!
NOW, TALK!! TELL ME WHERE THE REAL DR. DOOM IS, AND I'LL-- WHA-??!
I DID!
THAT VOICE! IT CAN ONLY BE--!!
WHAT STOPPED MY BLOW FROM LANDING??
SUE!
BUT--YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE--!
I HAD TO COME, DARLING--TO SAVE YOU--FROM A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!
HE IS THE REAL DARE-DEVIL!
BUT-- HOW CAN YOU KNOW?
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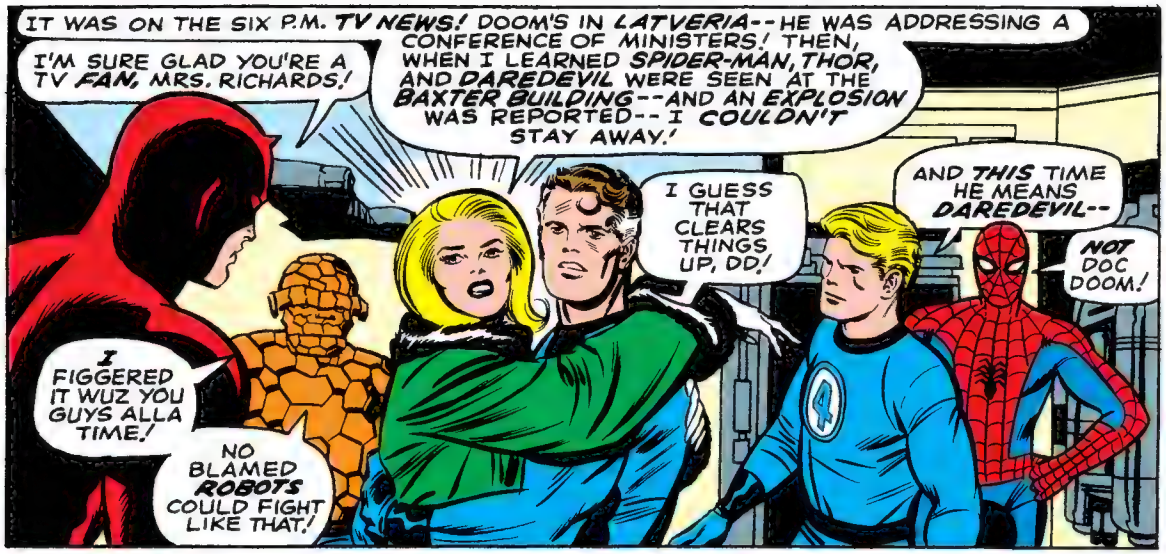
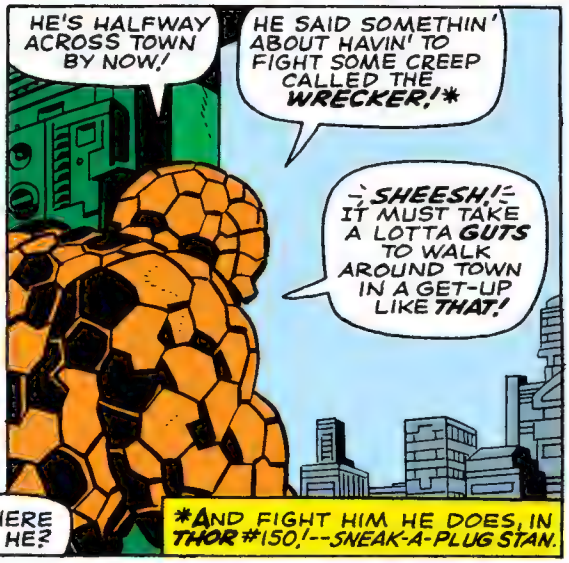
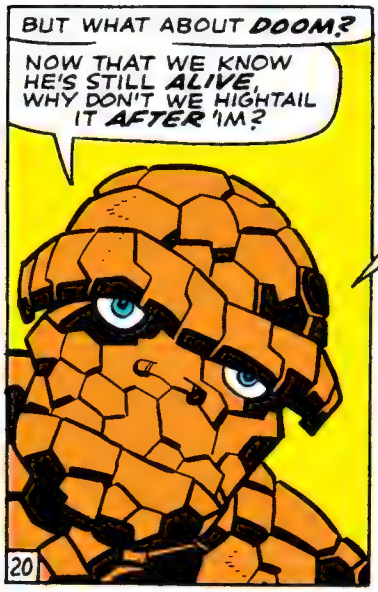

IT WAS ON THE SIX P.M. TV NEWS! DOOM'S IN LATVERIA--HE WAS ADDRESSING A CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS! THEN, WHEN I LEARNED SPIDER-MAN, THOR, AND DAREDEVIL WERE SEEN AT THE BAXTER BUILDING--AND AN EXPLOSION WAS REPORTED--I COULDN'T STAY AWAY!
I'M SURE GLAD YOU'RE A TV FAN, MRS. RICHARDS!
I GUESS THAT CLEARS THINGS UP, DD!
AND THIS TIME HE MEANS DAREDEVIL--
NOT DOC DOOM!
I FIGGERED IT WUZ YOU GUYS ALLA TIME!
NO BLAMED ROBOTS COULD FIGHT LIKE THAT!

WELL, AS MAYOR LAGUARDIA USED TO SAY--WHEN I MAKE A MISTAKE, IT'S A WHOPPER!
FORGET IT, FRIEND! WHERE ELSE COULD I GET A WORKOUT LIKE THAT!
WORKOUT? WE ALL NEEDED THIS WORKOUT LIKE THOR NEEDS A WIG!
AND, SPEAKING OF THAT ASGARDIAN HIPPIE--
WHERE IS HE?


HE'S HALFWAY ACROSS TOWN BY NOW!
HE SAID SOMETHIN' ABOUT HAVIN' TO FIGHT SOME CREEP CALLED THE WRECKER!*
-SHEESH!- IT MUST TAKE A LOTTA GUTS TO WALK AROUND TOWN IN A GET-UP LIKE THAT!
*AND FIGHT HIM HE DOES, IN THOR #150!--SNEAK-A-PLUG STAN.


BUT WHAT ABOUT DOOM?
NOW THAT WE KNOW HE'S STILL ALIVE, WHY DON'T WE HIGHTAIL IT AFTER 'IM?
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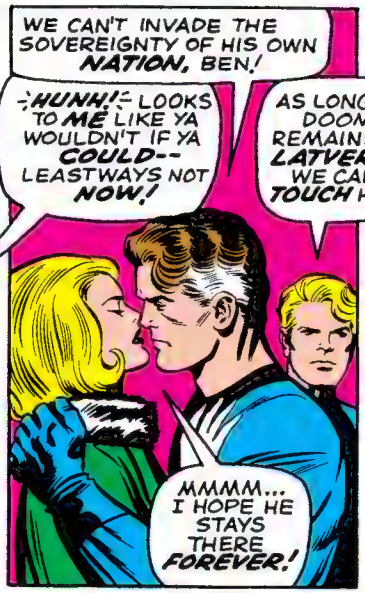
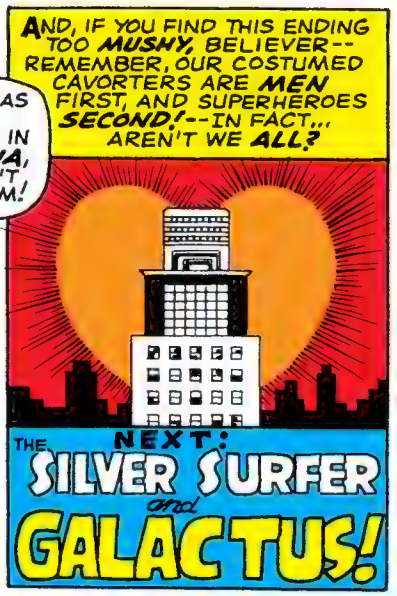
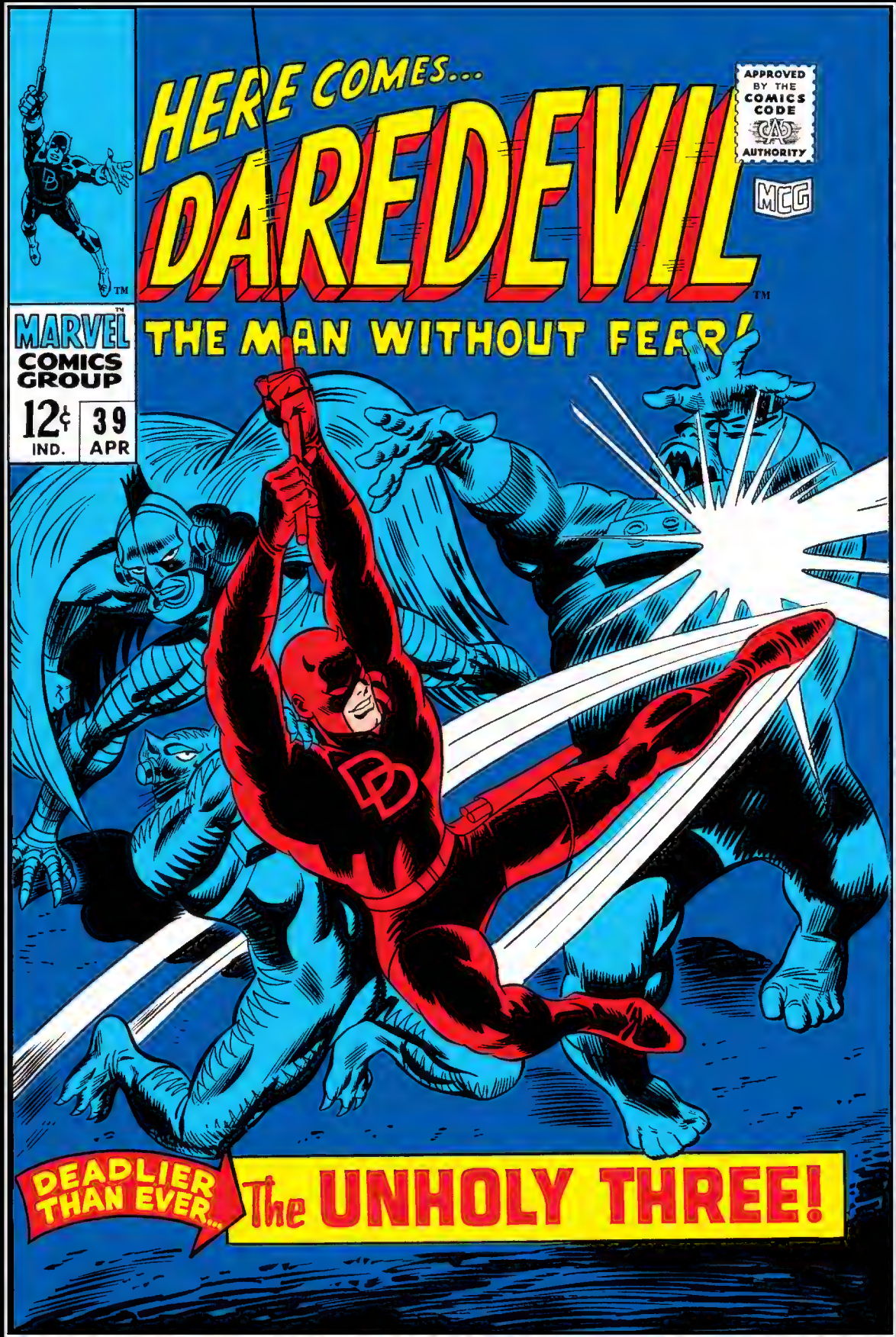

WE CAN'T INVADE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF HIS OWN NATION, BEN!
-HUNH!- LOOKS TO ME LIKE YA WOULDN'T IF YA COULD--LEASTWAYS NOT NOW!
AS LONG AS DOOM REMAINS IN LATVERIA, WE CAN'T TOUCH HIM!
MMMM... I HOPE HE STAYS THERE FOREVER!


AND, IF YOU FIND THIS ENDING TOO MUSHY, BELIEVER--REMEMBER, OUR COSTUMED CAVORTERS ARE MEN FIRST, AND SUPERHEROES SECOND!--IN FACT... AREN'T WE ALL?
NEXT: THE SILVER SURFER and GALACTUS!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INTRODUCING:
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and the SUPER-POWERED UNHOLY THREE"
EVER SINCE THE ORGANIZER'S THREE ANIMALISTIC ALLIES BROKE OUT OF JAIL--
--THERE'S BEEN A DANGEROUS NEW CRIME WAVE THRUOUT THE CITY!*
AND THAT MEANS IT'S MY JOB TO FIND THE UNHOLY THREE!
A STAN (THE MAN) LEE and GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN STAR-STUDDED SUPER-THRILLER!
EXTRAVAGENTLY EMBELLISHED BY: GEORGE TUSKA
LUMINESCENTLY LETTERED BY: ARTIE SIMEK
AGONIZINGLY APPLAUDED BY: IRVING FORBUSH
AND NOW, LET'S TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND HANG LOOSE, HERO! WE'RE OFF AGAIN--
*THE ORGANIZER--MYSTERIOUS MASTER OF CRIME, WHOSE EVIL CAREER WAS CUT SHORT BY DD IN ISH #11! BUT, THOUGH HE IS STILL IMPRISONED, HIS THREE DEADLIEST HIRELINGS ARE FREE ONCE MORE! --SENSATIONALIST STAN!

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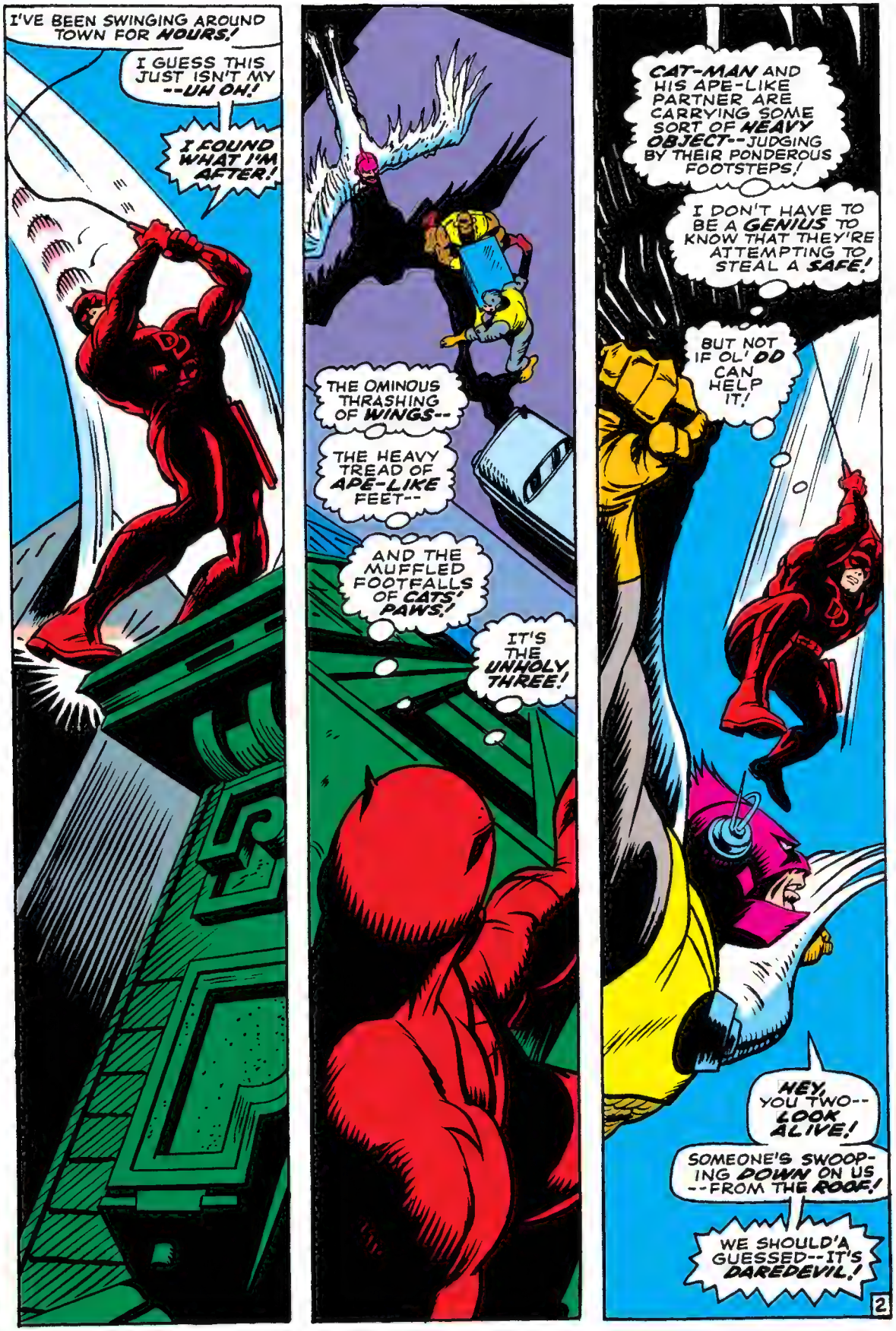
I'VE BEEN SWINGING AROUND TOWN FOR HOURS!
I GUESS THIS JUST ISN'T MY --UH OH!
I FOUND WHAT I'M AFTER!
THE OMINOUS THRASHING OF WINGS--
THE HEAVY TREAD OF APE-LIKE FEET--
AND THE MUFFLED FOOTFALLS OF CATS' PAWS!
IT'S THE UNHOLY THREE!
CAT-MAN AND HIS APE-LIKE PARTNER ARE CARRYING SOME SORT OF HEAVY OBJECT--JUDGING BY THEIR PONDEROUS FOOTSTEPS!
I DON'T HAVE TO BE A GENIUS TO KNOW THAT THEY'RE ATTEMPTING TO STEAL A SAFE!
BUT NOT IF OL' DD CAN HELP IT!
HEY, YOU TWO-- LOOK ALIVE!
SOMEONE'S SWOOPING DOWN ON US --FROM THE ROOF!
WE SHOULD'A GUESSED--IT'S DAREDEVIL!
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BUT, SO STARTLINGLY SWIFT IS THE SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER'S ATTACK, THAT HIS THREE FOES ARE SCATTERED LIKE TENPINS BEFORE THEY CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE--!
I HATE TO ASK A FOOLISH QUESTION, BUT--
DON'T YOU THREE EVER GIVE UP??
SWISH!!!
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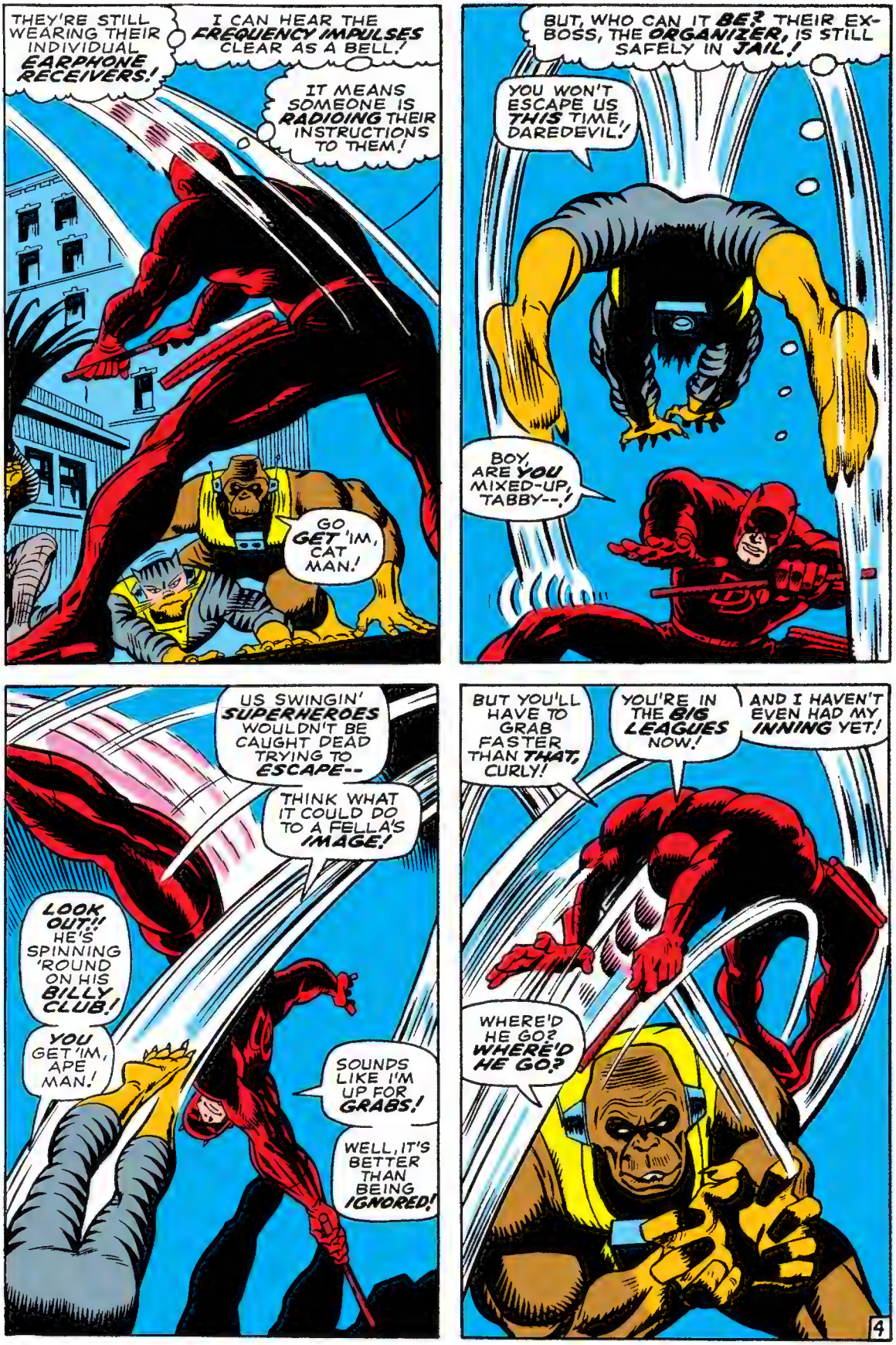
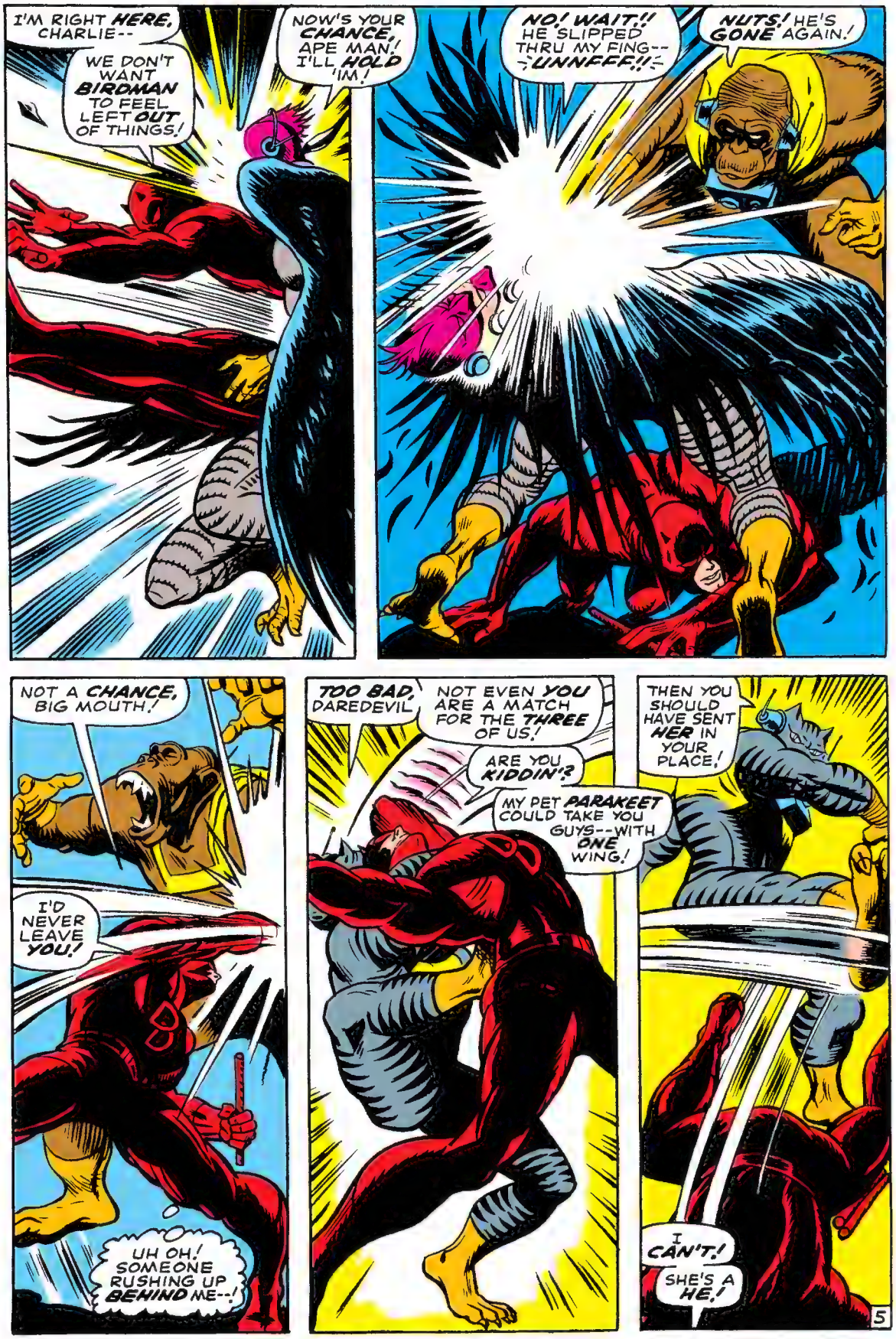

THEY'RE STILL WEARING THEIR INDIVIDUAL EARPHONE RECEIVERS!
I CAN HEAR THE FREQUENCY IMPULSES CLEAR AS A BELL!
IT MEANS SOMEONE IS RADIOING THEIR INSTRUCTIONS TO THEM!
GO GET 'IM, CAT MAN!
BUT, WHO CAN IT BE? THEIR EX-BOSS, THE ORGANIZER, IS STILL SAFELY IN JAIL!
YOU WON'T ESCAPE US THIS TIME, DAREDEVIL!
BOY, ARE YOU MIXED-UP, TABBY--!
US SWINGIN' SUPERHEROES WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD TRYING TO ESCAPE--
THINK WHAT IT COULD DO TO A FELLA'S IMAGE!
LOOK OUT!! HE'S SPINNING 'ROUND ON HIS BILLY CLUB!
YOU GET 'IM, APE MAN!
SOUNDS LIKE I'M UP FOR GRABS!
WELL, IT'S BETTER THAN BEING IGNORED!
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GRAB FASTER THAN THAT, CURLY!
YOU'RE IN THE BIG LEAGUES NOW!
AND I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD MY INNING YET!
WHERE'D HE GO? WHERE'D HE GO?


I'M RIGHT HERE, CHARLIE--
WE DON'T WANT BIRDMAN TO FEEL LEFT OUT OF THINGS!
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, APE MAN! I'LL HOLD 'IM!
NO! WAIT!! HE SLIPPED THRU MY FING--
-UNNFFF!!-
NUTS! HE'S GONE AGAIN!
NOT A CHANCE, BIG MOUTH!
I'D NEVER LEAVE YOU!
UH OH! SOMEONE RUSHING UP BEHIND ME--!
TOO BAD, DAREDEVIL
NOT EVEN YOU ARE A MATCH FOR THE THREE OF US!
ARE YOU KIDDIN'?
MY PET PARAKEET COULD TAKE YOU GUYS--WITH ONE WING!
THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE SENT HER IN YOUR PLACE!
I CAN'T!
SHE'S A HE!
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HEADS UP DD.!
YOU'RE SAILING INTO A PLATE GLASS WINDOW.!
HAVE TO THRUST OUT MY ARMS-- TO CUSHION THE IMPACT.!
LUCKY THING I SPENT YEARS PRACTICING AND PERFECTING PROTECTIVE FALLS.!
LEAVE THE SAFE.! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.!
YEAH.! THAT CRACKED WINDOW WON'T STOP DAREDEVIL.!
LEAVE 'IM FOR FOR THE EXTERMINATOR.!
HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH 'IM.!
I HEARD THAT.!
NOW WHO IN BLAZES IS--THE EXTERMINATOR??
ONE THING'S FOR SURE--
WITH A NAME LIKE THAT-- A FLOWER CHILD HE'S NOT.!
OKAY, EXTERMINATOR--
WHOEVER YOU ARE-- WHEREVER YOU ARE--
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF DAREDEVIL.!
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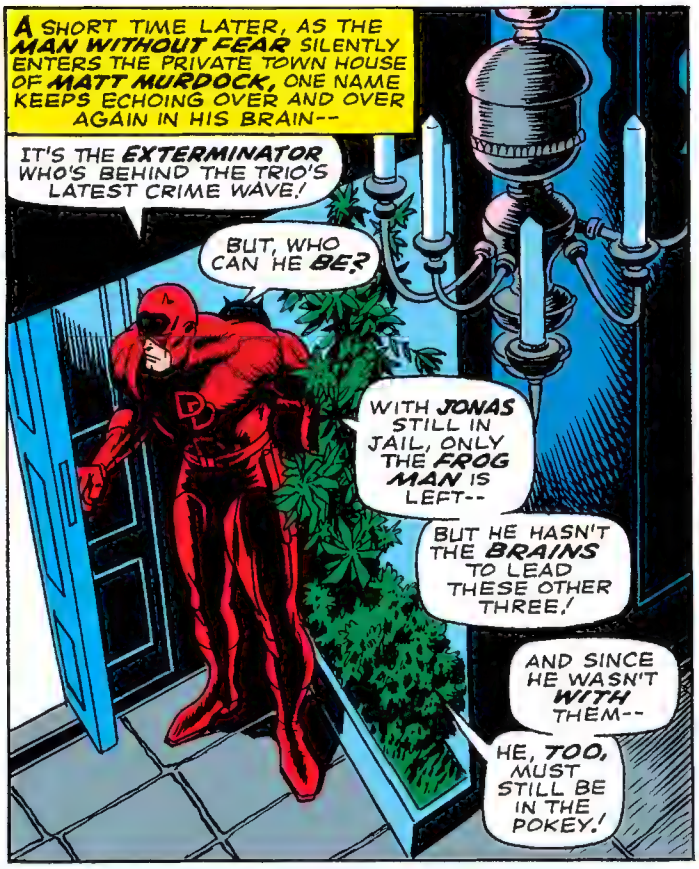
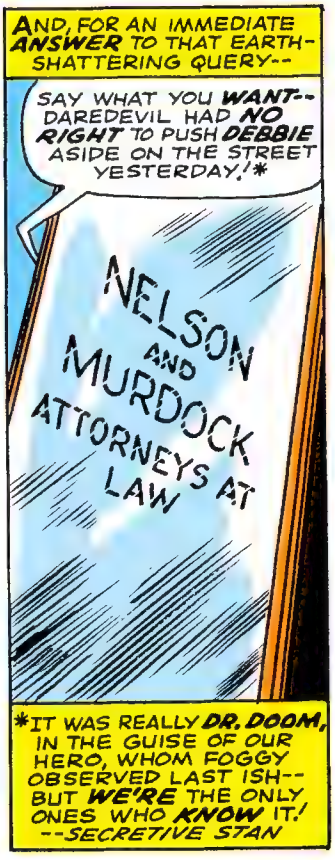
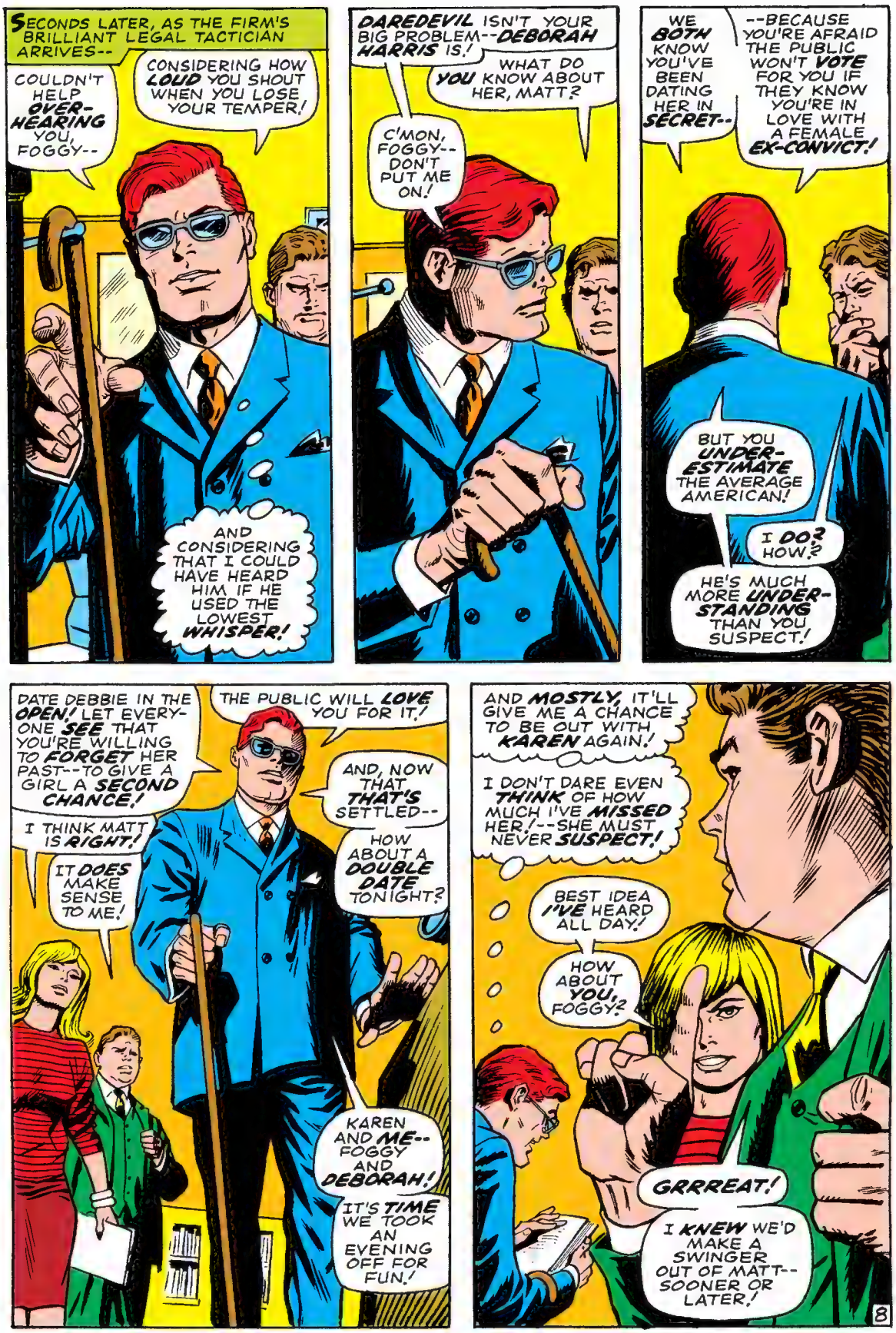

A SHORT TIME LATER, AS THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR SILENTLY ENTERS THE PRIVATE TOWN HOUSE OF MATT MURDOCK, ONE NAME KEEPS ECHOING OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN HIS BRAIN--
IT'S THE EXTERMINATOR WHO'S BEHIND THE TRIO'S LATEST CRIME WAVE!
BUT, WHO CAN HE BE?
WITH JONAS STILL IN JAIL, ONLY THE FROG MAN IS LEFT--
BUT HE HASN'T THE BRAINS TO LEAD THESE OTHER THREE!
AND SINCE HE WASN'T WITH THEM--
HE, TOO, MUST STILL BE IN THE POKEY!

WELL, I'D BETTER GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!
I'VE GOT TO BE AT THE OFFICE BRIGHT AND EARLY TOMORROW!
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL MY PUDGY PARTNER!

AS THE EVENING UNFOLDS, DAREDEVIL SURRENDERS HIMSELF TO DREAM-HAUNTED SLUMBER, UNTIL--WITH THE COMING OF DAWN--
THE SUN-- SHINING THRU MY WINDOW-- WOKE ME UP!
I WONDER IF FOGGY WILL REACH THE OFFICE BEFORE ME?


AND, FOR AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO THAT EARTH-SHATTERING QUERY--
SAY WHAT YOU WANT-- DAREDEVIL HAD NO RIGHT TO PUSH DEBBIE ASIDE ON THE STREET YESTERDAY!*
NELSON AND MURDOCK ATTORNEYS AT LAW
*IT WAS REALLY DR. DOOM, IN THE GUISE OF OUR HERO, WHOM FOGGY OBSERVED LAST ISH-- BUT WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW IT! --SECRETIVE STAN

NOW I REALLY HOPE I'M ELECTED D.A.!
I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO PUT THAT SWELL-HEADED, COSTUMED CLOWN IN HIS PLACE!


SECONDS LATER, AS THE FIRM'S BRILLIANT LEGAL TACTICIAN ARRIVES--
COULDN'T HELP OVER-HEARING YOU, FOGGY--
CONSIDERING HOW LOUD YOU SHOUT WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR TEMPER!
AND CONSIDERING THAT I COULD HAVE HEARD HIM IF HE USED THE LOWEST WHISPER!
DAREDEVIL ISN'T YOUR BIG PROBLEM--DEBORAH HARRIS IS!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HER, MATT?
C'MON, FOGGY--DON'T PUT ME ON!
WE BOTH KNOW YOU'VE BEEN DATING HER IN SECRET--
--BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID THE PUBLIC WON'T VOTE FOR YOU IF THEY KNOW YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH A FEMALE EX-CONVICT!
BUT YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE THE AVERAGE AMERICAN!
I DO? HOW?
HE'S MUCH MORE UNDER-STANDING THAN YOU SUSPECT!
DATE DEBBIE IN THE OPEN! LET EVERY-ONE SEE THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO FORGET HER PAST--TO GIVE A GIRL A SECOND CHANCE!
THE PUBLIC WILL LOVE YOU FOR IT!
I THINK MATT IS RIGHT!
IT DOES MAKE SENSE TO ME!
AND, NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED--
HOW ABOUT A DOUBLE DATE TONIGHT?
KAREN AND ME--FOGGY AND DEBORAH!
IT'S TIME WE TOOK AN EVENING OFF FOR FUN!
AND MOSTLY, IT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO BE OUT WITH KAREN AGAIN!
I DON'T DARE EVEN THINK OF HOW MUCH I'VE MISSED HER!--SHE MUST NEVER SUSPECT!
BEST IDEA I'VE HEARD ALL DAY!
HOW ABOUT YOU, FOGGY?
GRRREAT!
I KNEW WE'D MAKE A SWINGER OUT OF MATT--SOONER OR LATER!
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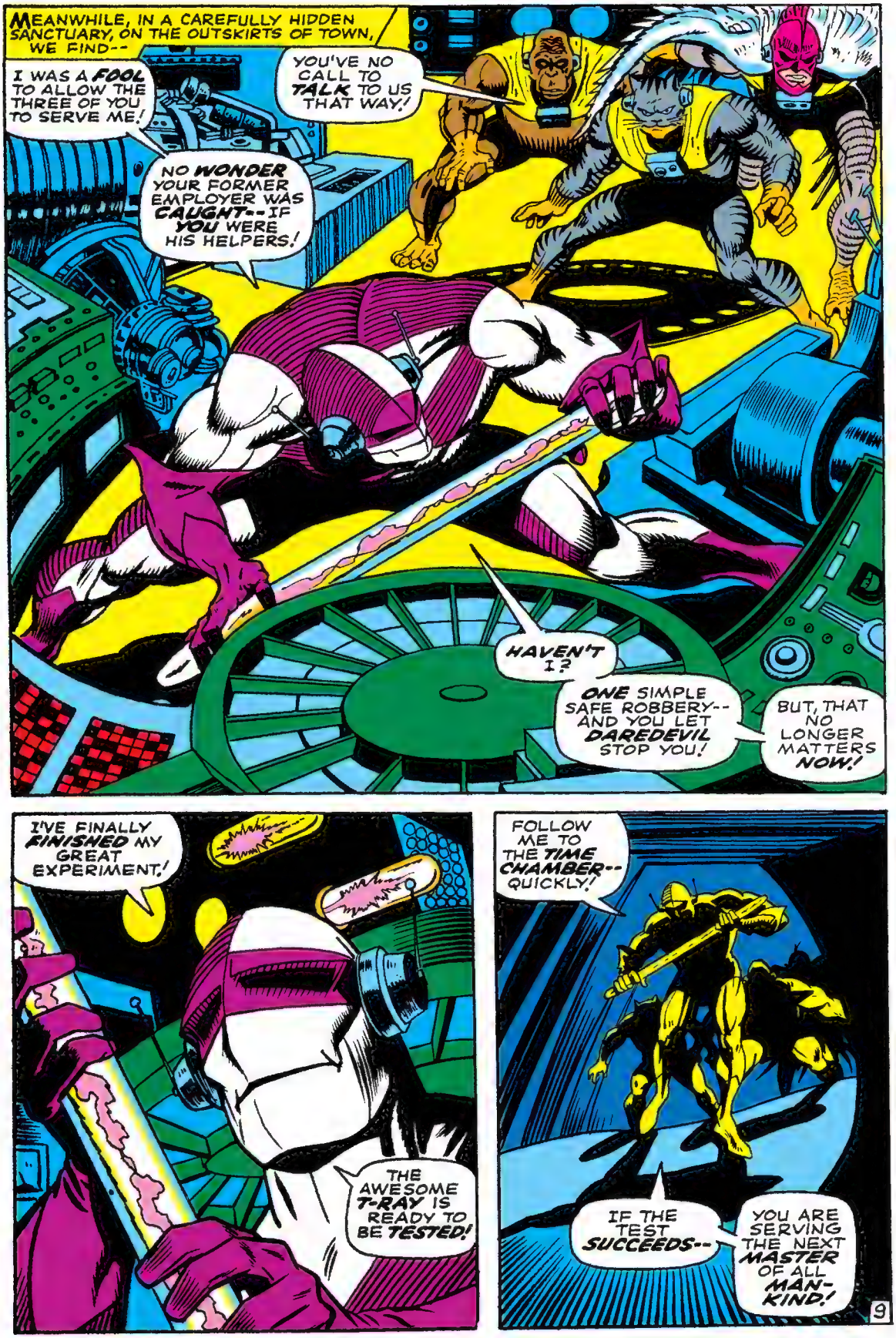
MEANWHILE, IN A CAREFULLY HIDDEN SANCTUARY, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN, WE FIND--
I WAS A FOOL TO ALLOW THE THREE OF YOU TO SERVE ME!
YOU'VE NO CALL TO TALK TO US THAT WAY!
NO WONDER YOUR FORMER EMPLOYER WAS CAUGHT--IF YOU WERE HIS HELPERS!
HAVEN'T I?
ONE SIMPLE SAFE ROBBERY--AND YOU LET DAREDEVIL STOP YOU!
BUT, THAT NO LONGER MATTERS NOW!
I'VE FINALLY FINISHED MY GREAT EXPERIMENT!
THE AWESOME T-RAY IS READY TO BE TESTED!
FOLLOW ME TO THE TIME CHAMBER--QUICKLY!
IF THE TEST SUCCEEDS--
YOU ARE SERVING THE NEXT MASTER OF ALL MANKIND!
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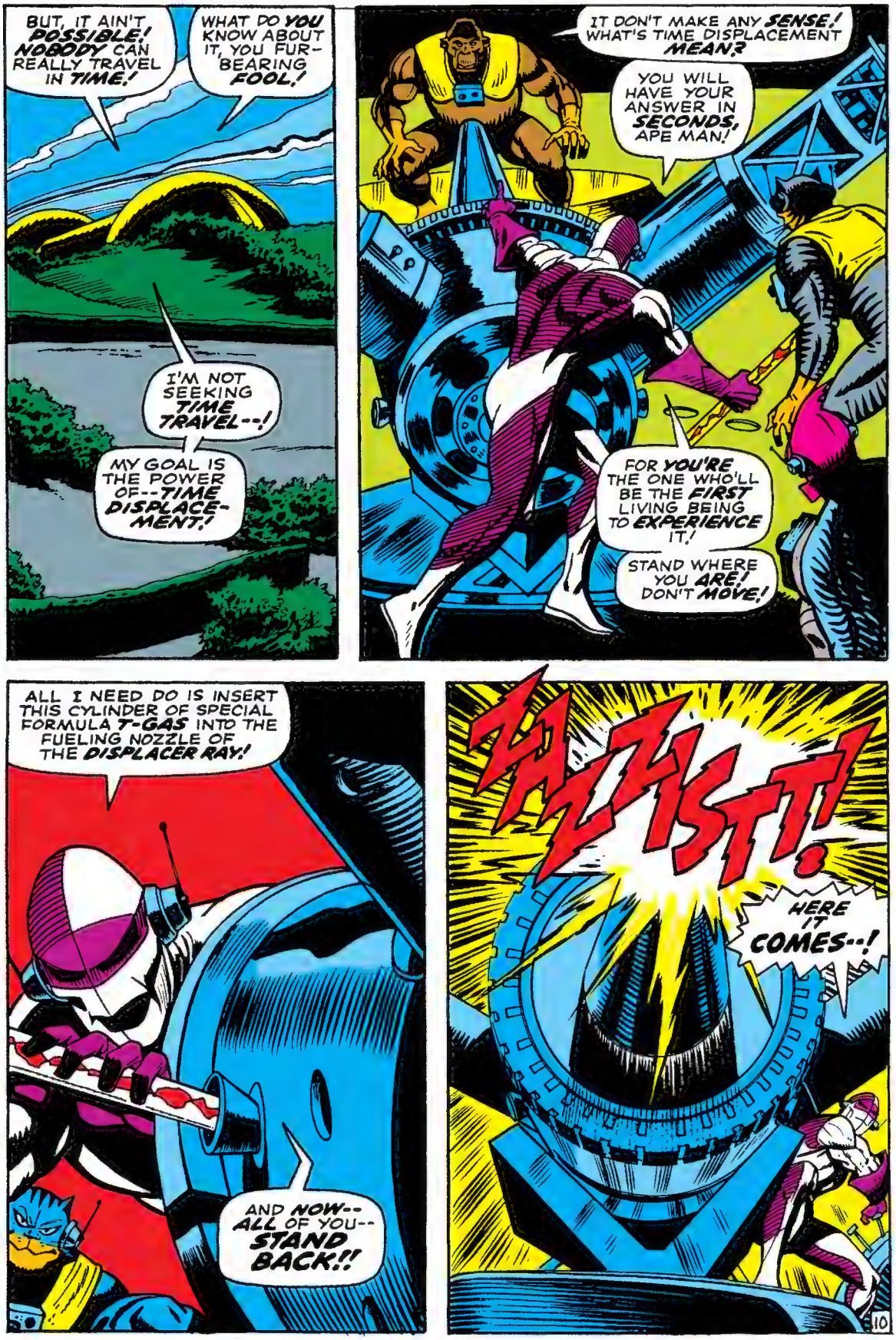
BUT, IT AIN'T POSSIBLE! NOBODY CAN REALLY TRAVEL IN TIME!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, YOU FUR-BEARING FOOL!
I'M NOT SEEKING TIME TRAVEL--!
MY GOAL IS THE POWER OF--TIME DISPLACE-MENT!
IT DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE! WHAT'S TIME DISPLACEMENT MEAN?
YOU WILL HAVE YOUR ANSWER IN SECONDS, APE MAN!
FOR YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL BE THE FIRST LIVING BEING TO EXPERIENCE IT!
STAND WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T MOVE!
ALL I NEED DO IS INSERT THIS CYLINDER OF SPECIAL FORMULA T-GAS INTO THE FUELING NOZZLE OF THE DISPLACER RAY!
AND NOW--ALL OF YOU--STAND BACK!!
ZAZZIST!
HERE IT COMES--!
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-HEY!- WHAT GIVES?? WHAT'S GOIN' ON??
THE RAY'S PULVERIZIN' ME--FULL BLAST!!
I DON'T GET IT!! WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO ME??
NOTHING IS HAPPENING TO YOU--!
BUT--THE TIME CONTINUUM IN WHICH YOU--AND YOU ALONE-- EXIST--
--HAS SUDDENLY BEEN-- DISPLACED!
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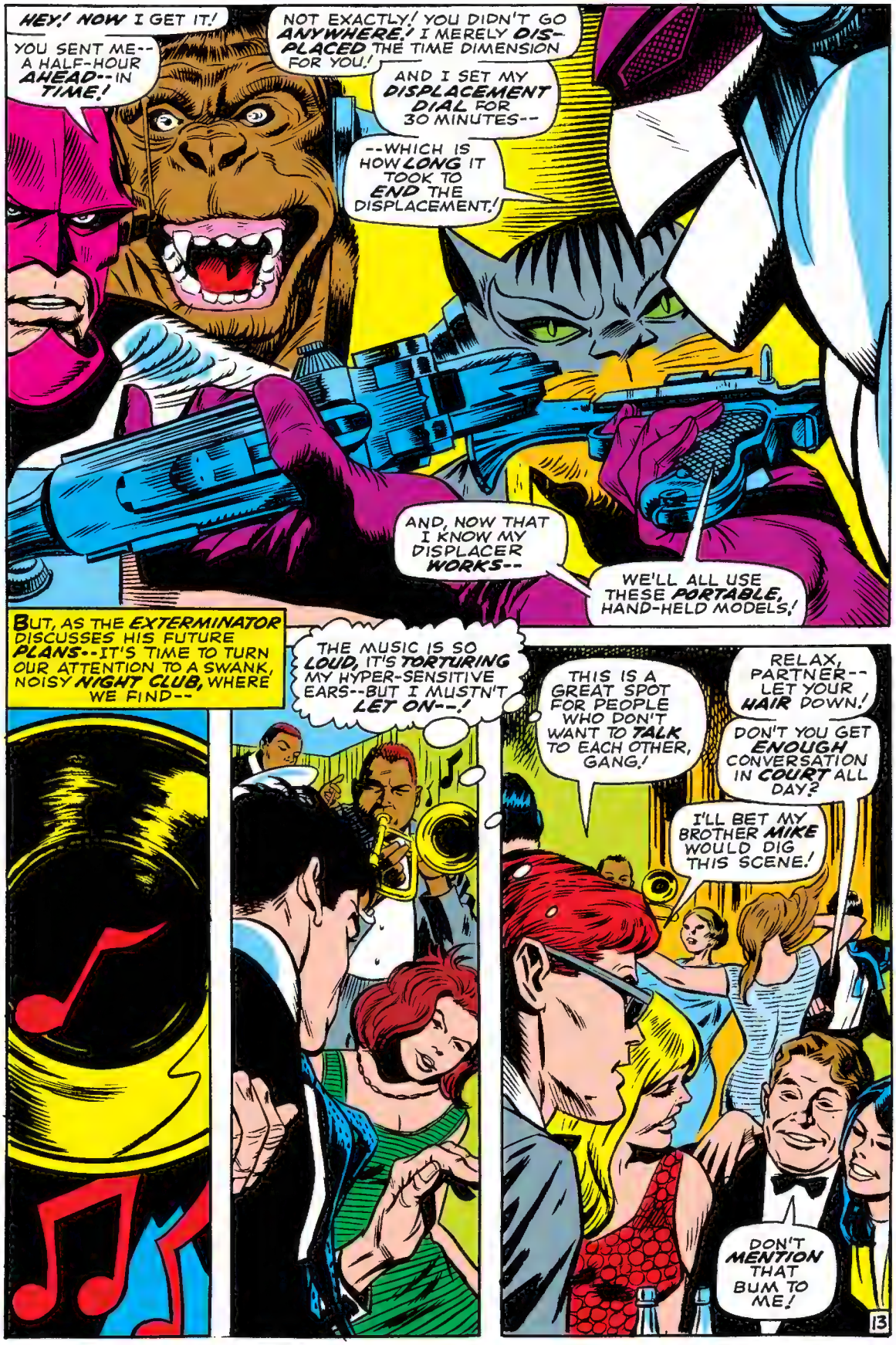
NEVER MIND THE DOUBLE-TALK LINGO--
HE'S GONE! YOU KILLED HIM!
IF YOU DID THAT TO THE APE MAN--
HOW DO WE KNOW WHICH OF US WILL BE NEXT?
SILENCE, YOU FOOLS!!
HE'S SUFFERED NO HARM!
YOU STILL DO NOT COMPREHEND WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN! CAN'T YOU REALIZE--?
HE NO LONGER EXISTS IN THE SAME TIME AS WE DO!
BUT, WITHIN A HALF-HOUR--HE WILL RETURN!
SLOWLY, TORTUOUSLY, FATEFULLY, THE SECONDS TICK BY--UNTIL, THIRTY MINUTES LATER--
THE RAY IS GETTING BRIGHTER!!
OVER THERE!! I SEE SOMETHING--!
IT'S THE APE MAN!! HE'S ALIVE!
THIS IS--JUST WHAT I DID--
I ALREADY DID ALL THIS--JUST BEFORE!
APE MAN! STAY THERE!
I MAY WANT TO EXAMINE YOU!
THIS WAS ONLY--THE BEGINNING!


HEY! NOW I GET IT!
YOU SENT ME-- A HALF-HOUR AHEAD--IN TIME!
NOT EXACTLY! YOU DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE! I MERELY DIS-PLACED THE TIME DIMENSION FOR YOU!
AND I SET MY DISPLACEMENT DIAL FOR 30 MINUTES--
--WHICH IS HOW LONG IT TOOK TO END THE DISPLACEMENT!
AND, NOW THAT I KNOW MY DISPLACER WORKS--
WE'LL ALL USE THESE PORTABLE, HAND-HELD MODELS!
BUT, AS THE EXTERMINATOR DISCUSSES HIS FUTURE PLANS--IT'S TIME TO TURN OUR ATTENTION TO A SWANK, NOISY NIGHT CLUB, WHERE WE FIND--
THE MUSIC IS SO LOUD, IT'S TORTURING MY HYPER-SENSITIVE EARS--BUT I MUSTN'T LET ON--!
THIS IS A GREAT SPOT FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO TALK TO EACH OTHER, GANG!
RELAX, PARTNER-- LET YOUR HAIR DOWN!
DON'T YOU GET ENOUGH CONVERSATION IN COURT ALL DAY?
I'LL BET MY BROTHER MIKE WOULD DIG THIS SCENE!
DON'T MENTION THAT BUM TO ME!
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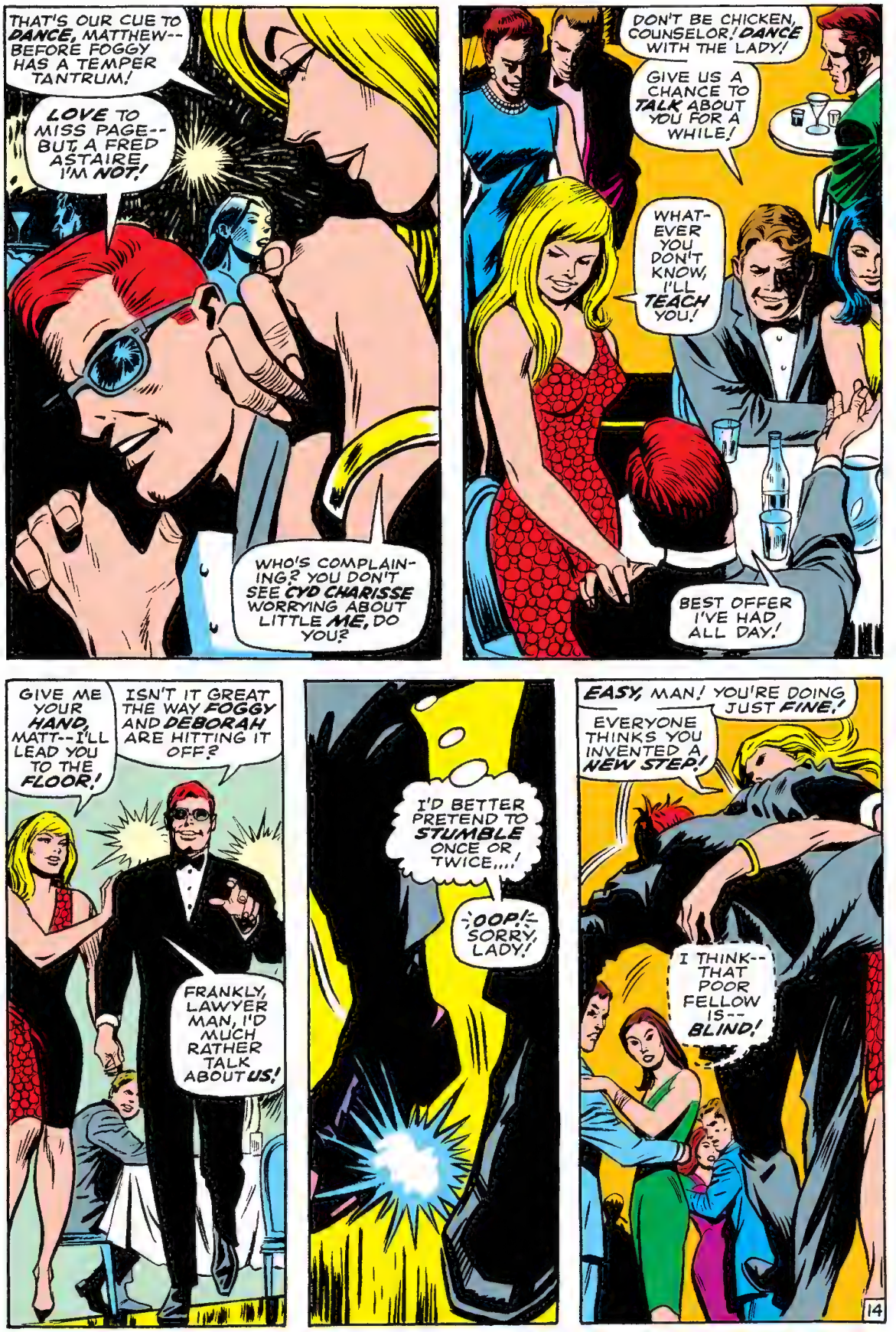
THAT'S OUR CUE TO DANCE, MATTHEW-- BEFORE FOGGY HAS A TEMPER TANTRUM!
LOVE TO MISS PAGE-- BUT, A FRED ASTAIRE I'M NOT!
WHO'S COMPLAINING? YOU DON'T SEE CYD CHARISSE WORRYING ABOUT LITTLE ME, DO YOU?
DON'T BE CHICKEN, COUNSELOR! DANCE WITH THE LADY!
GIVE US A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT YOU FOR A WHILE!
WHATEVER YOU DON'T KNOW, I'LL TEACH YOU!
BEST OFFER I'VE HAD ALL DAY!
GIVE ME YOUR HAND, MATT--I'LL LEAD YOU TO THE FLOOR!
ISN'T IT GREAT THE WAY FOGGY AND DEBORAH ARE HITTING IT OFF?
FRANKLY, LAWYER MAN, I'D MUCH RATHER TALK ABOUT US!
I'D BETTER PRETEND TO STUMBLE ONCE OR TWICE....!
-OOP!- SORRY, LADY!
EASY, MAN! YOU'RE DOING JUST FINE!
EVERYONE THINKS YOU INVENTED A NEW STEP!
I THINK-- THAT POOR FELLOW IS-- BLIND!
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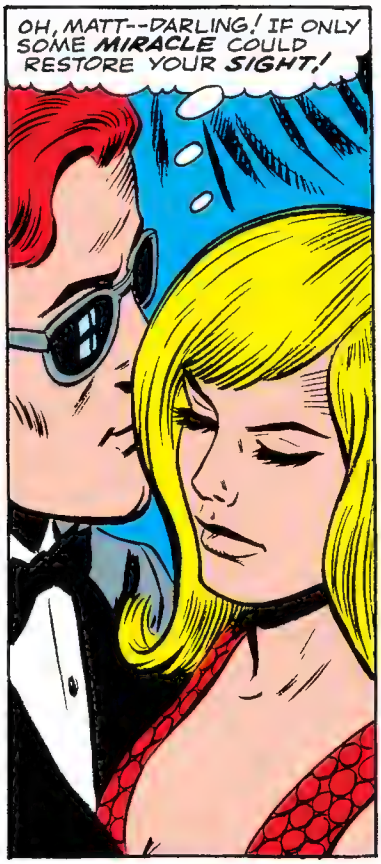
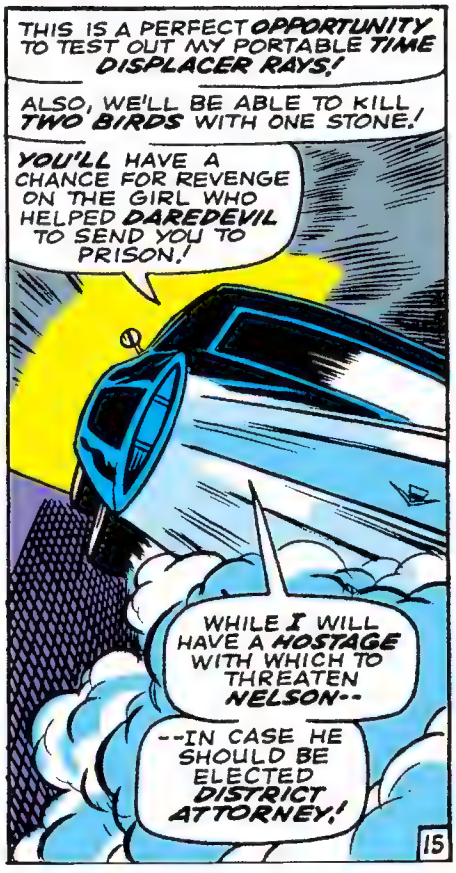

OH, MATT--DARLING! IF ONLY SOME MIRACLE COULD RESTORE YOUR SIGHT!

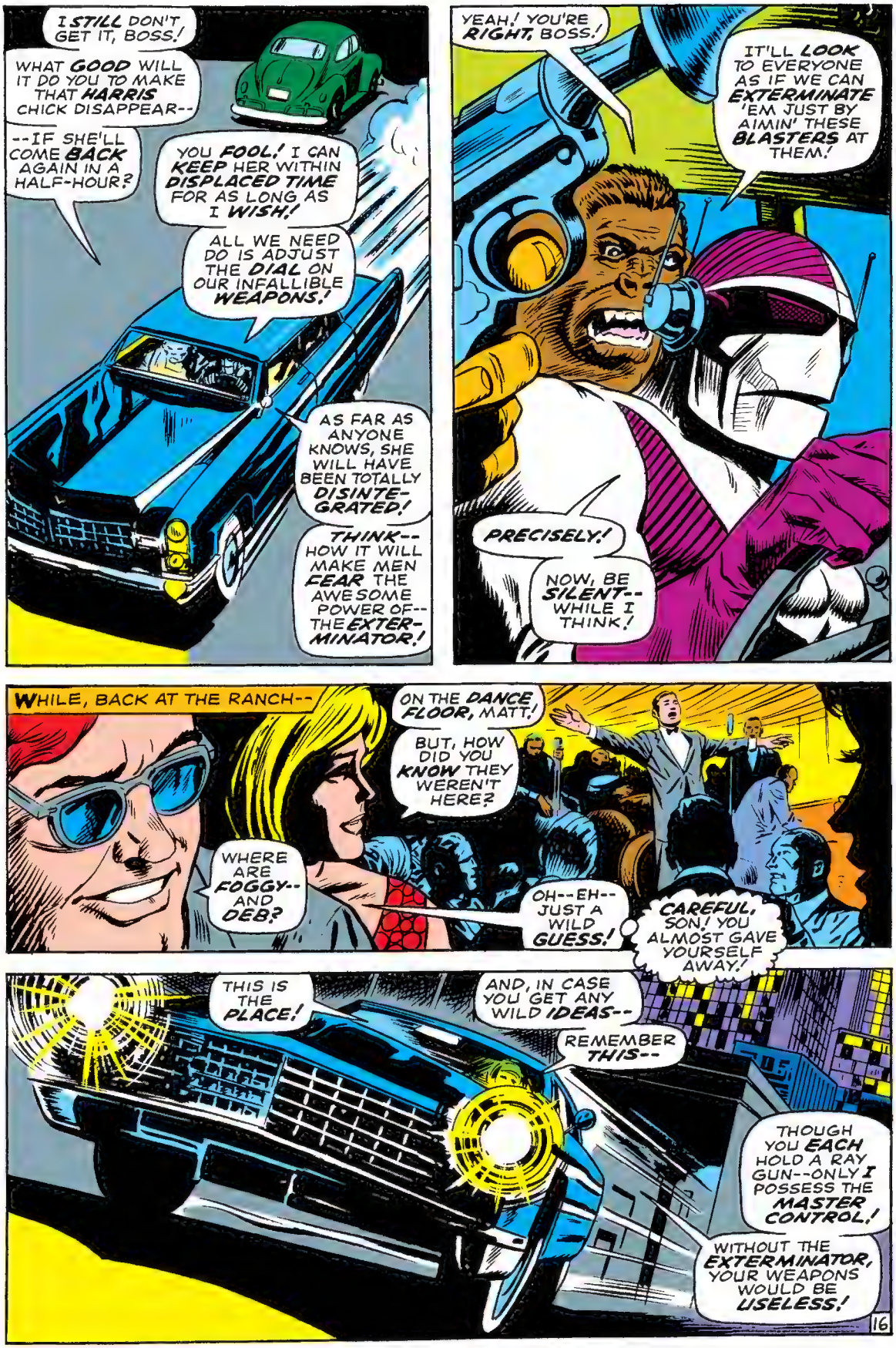
I THINK--I'M GETTING THE HANG OF IT NOW!
WHEN I'M NEAR HER --LIKE THIS--NOTHING ELSE SEEMS TO MATTER! EVEN BEING DAREDEVIL SEEMS SO--UNIMPORTANT!
WHY, MATT--WHY CAN'T YOU FEEL ABOUT ME--AS I FEEL ABOUT YOU??

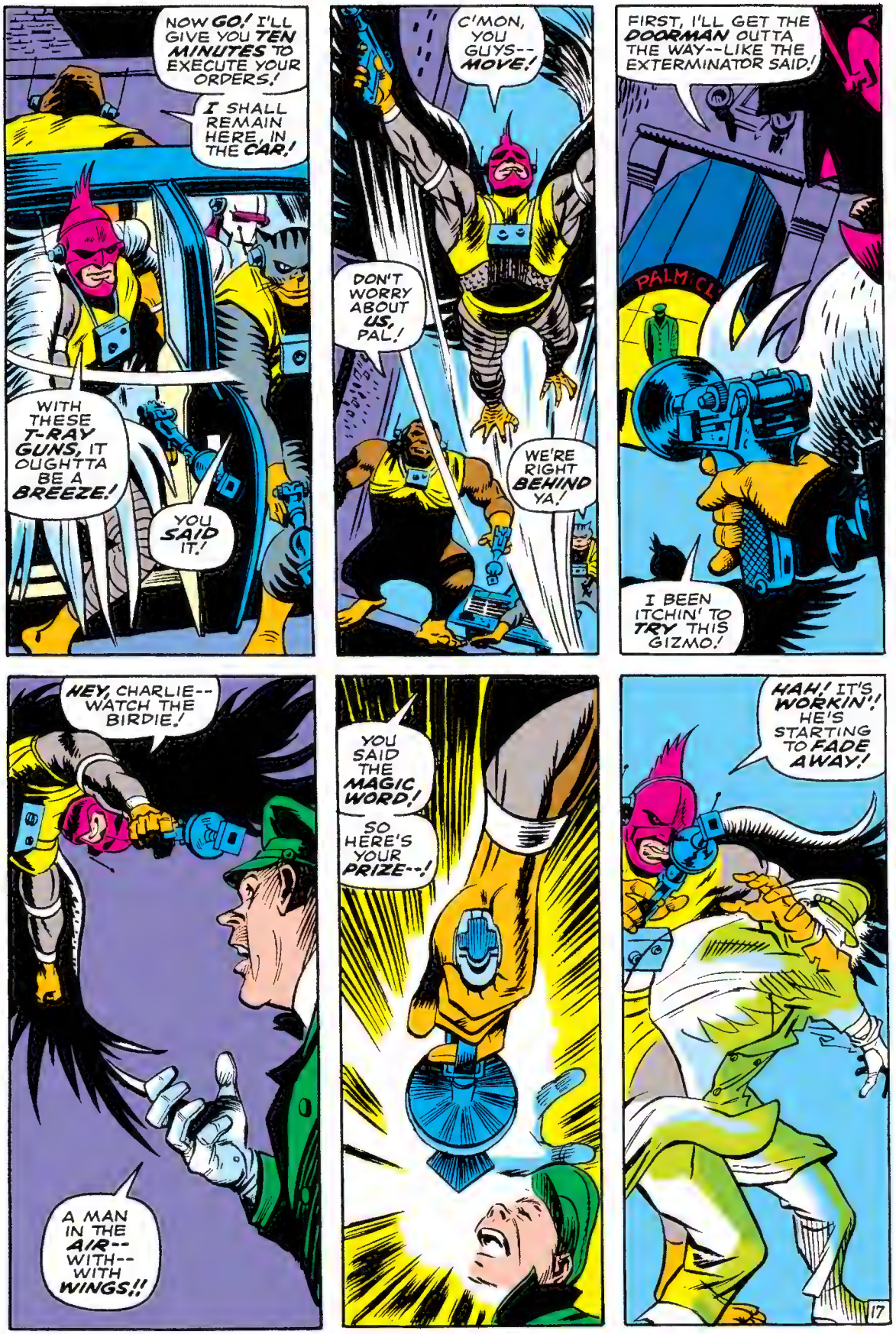
BUT, AT THAT MOMENT...
THAT'S DEBORAH HARRIS OVER THERE--WITH NELSON, THE GUY WHO'S GONNA RUN FOR D.A.!
I GOTTA HUNCH THE EXTERMINATOR WOULD PAY PLENTY FOR A TIP LIKE THIS!

OF COURSE I'M SURE! THEY'RE HERE WITH NELSON'S BLIND PARTNER, AND HIS SEEIN' EYE SECRETARY!
YOU 'N YOUR BOYS BETTER GIT HERE FAST--AND DON'T FORGET THE DOUGH YA PROMISED ME!
HUH? HOLD IT--I DIDN'T MEAN NO DISRESPECT! HONEST--I WUZ JUST KIDDIN'!
OF COURSE! SURE I TRUST THE WORD OF THE EXTERMINATOR!

STOP WHIMPERING, YOU SPINELESS NON-ENTITY!
WE'LL BE THERE WITHIN THE NEXT TEN MINUTES!
BIRD MAN! ALERT THE OTHERS!


THIS IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO TEST OUT MY PORTABLE TIME DISPLACER RAYS!
ALSO, WE'LL BE ABLE TO KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!
YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE FOR REVENGE ON THE GIRL WHO HELPED DAREDEVIL TO SEND YOU TO PRISON!
WHILE I WILL HAVE A HOSTAGE WITH WHICH TO THREATEN NELSON--
--IN CASE HE SHOULD BE ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY!


I STILL DON'T GET IT, BOSS!
WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO YOU TO MAKE THAT HARRIS CHICK DISAPPEAR--
--IF SHE'LL COME BACK AGAIN IN A HALF-HOUR?
YOU FOOL! I CAN KEEP HER WITHIN DISPLACED TIME FOR AS LONG AS I WISH!
ALL WE NEED DO IS ADJUST THE DIAL ON OUR INFALLIBLE WEAPONS!
AS FAR AS ANYONE KNOWS, SHE WILL HAVE BEEN TOTALLY DISINTE-GRATED!
THINK-- HOW IT WILL MAKE MEN FEAR THE AWESOME POWER OF-- THE EXTER-MINATOR!
YEAH! YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS!
IT'LL LOOK TO EVERYONE AS IF WE CAN EXTERMINATE 'EM JUST BY AIMIN' THESE BLASTERS AT THEM!
PRECISELY!
NOW, BE SILENT-- WHILE I THINK!
WHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH--
ON THE DANCE FLOOR, MATT!
BUT, HOW DID YOU KNOW THEY WEREN'T HERE?
WHERE ARE FOGGY-- AND DEB?
OH--EH-- JUST A WILD GUESS!
CAREFUL, SON! YOU ALMOST GAVE YOURSELF AWAY!
THIS IS THE PLACE!
AND, IN CASE YOU GET ANY WILD IDEAS--
REMEMBER THIS--
THOUGH YOU EACH HOLD A RAY GUN--ONLY I POSSESS THE MASTER CONTROL!
WITHOUT THE EXTERMINATOR, YOUR WEAPONS WOULD BE USELESS!


NOW GO! I'LL GIVE YOU TEN MINUTES TO EXECUTE YOUR ORDERS!
I SHALL REMAIN HERE, IN THE CAR!
WITH THESE T-RAY GUNS, IT OUGHTTA BE A BREEZE!
YOU SAID IT!
C'MON, YOU GUYS-- MOVE!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, PAL!
WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YA!
FIRST, I'LL GET THE DOORMAN OUTTA THE WAY--LIKE THE EXTERMINATOR SAID!
PALMICL
I BEEN ITCHIN' TO TRY THIS GIZMO!
HEY, CHARLIE-- WATCH THE BIRDIE!
A MAN IN THE AIR-- WITH-- WITH WINGS!!
YOU SAID THE MAGIC WORD!
SO HERE'S YOUR PRIZE--!
HAH! IT'S WORKIN'! HE'S STARTING TO FADE AWAY!
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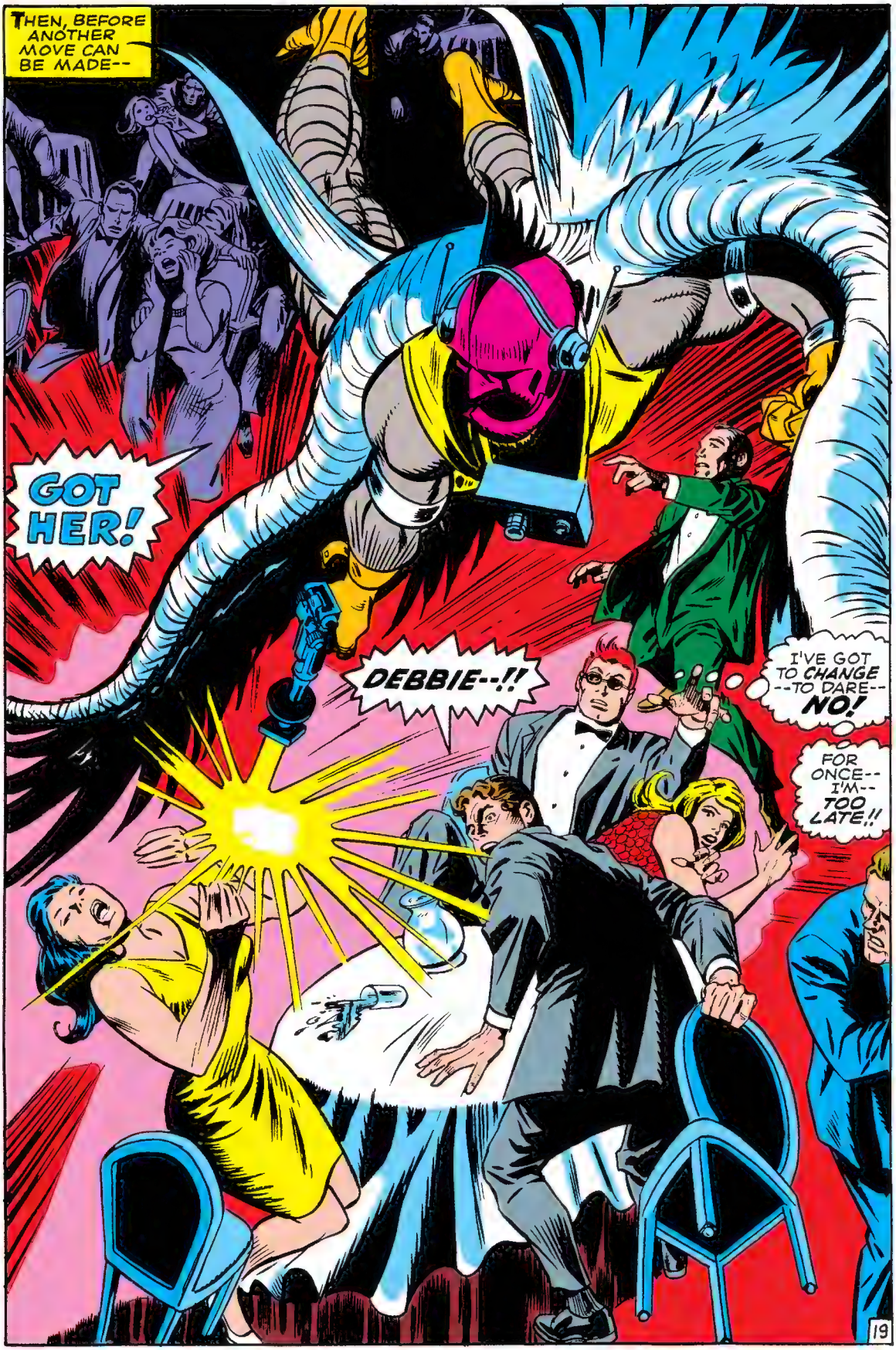
SLOW DOWN, BIRD MAN! LEAVE SOME OF 'EM FOR US!
DON'T WASTE YOUR BLASTERS ON JUST ANYONE--!
WE GOTTA GET THE GIRL!
DON'T WORRY-- I SEE HER IN THERE NOW!
LET'S GO, APE MAN!
WAIT! YOU TWO COVER ME! I CAN REACH HER FIRST--!
GO ON--YELL, YOU FOOLS!
--FOR ALL THE GOOD IT'LL DO YOU!
LOOK!! IT'S THE BIRD MAN!!
FOGGY! HE--HE'S COMING RIGHT TOWARDS ME!!


THEN, BEFORE ANOTHER MOVE CAN BE MADE--
GOT HER!
DEBBIE--!!
I'VE GOT TO CHANGE --TO DARE-- NO!
FOR ONCE-- I'M-- TOO LATE!!

DEB--DEB!! IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN--WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU--!?!?!
SHE'S GONE!!
MATT!! YOUR BROTHER! GET HIM!! DO YOU HEAR ME?? YOU'VE GOT TO GET MIKE!!
EASY, FOGGY! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
HE'S THE ONLY ONE--WHO CAN CATCH--THAT ROTTEN KILLER!!
BUT DEBBIE'S GONE!! HE--HE MURDERED HER!
SHE'S NOT DEAD! I CAN'T TELL ANYONE--BUT I CAN SENSE HER--ALTHOUGH--HER IMAGE IS--BLURRED!
ALMOST AS THOUGH--SHE'S IN--ANOTHER DIMENSION!
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY--TO THINK!!
I'VE NEVER RUN INTO ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE!
WHAT ARE WE UP AGAINST--??
MAN! I HEARD OF HIGH-FLYIN' CATS--
BUT HE WAS ENDSVILLE!
I MUST FIND THE ANSWER--
HOW CAN DEBBIE HAVE VANISHED--AND YET--I STILL SENSE HER PRESENCE?!!
IT WENT SMOOTH AS SILK, BOSS!
BUT--WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?
NEXT? DAREDEVIL HIMSELF WILL BE ELIMINATED--FOREVER--
--BY THE POWER OF--THE EXTERMI-NATOR!
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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

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ACTING UNDER ORDERS OF THE MYSTERIOUS EXTERMINATOR, THE SUPER-POWERED UNHOLY THREE HAVE USED THEIR DREADED T-GUNS TO TRANSPORT DEBORAH HARRIS TO ANOTHER TIME CONTINUUM! AND SO---
...ANYONE WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT MISHMASH CAN NOW GET ON WITH OUR TALE--!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO DEBBIE...BUT SHE ISN'T DEAD! I SENSED HER HEARTBEAT EVEN AFTER FOGGY SAID SHE HAD VANISHED!
A MYSTERY WITHIN A PUZZLE, INSIDE OF A RIDDLE!
CONFUSED AND COMPOUNDED BY
STAN (THE MAN) LEE and GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN
INKED BY: JOHN TARTAGLIONE
LETTERED BY: SAM ROSEN
EXCELSIOR!
AND NOW, LET THE PULSE-POUNDING PANDEMONIUM START TO COMMENCE TO BEGIN...!
WHATEVER THE ANSWER IS, ONE THING'S FOR SURE... DAREDEVIL IS GONNA FIND IT...
...OR KNOW THE REASON WHY!

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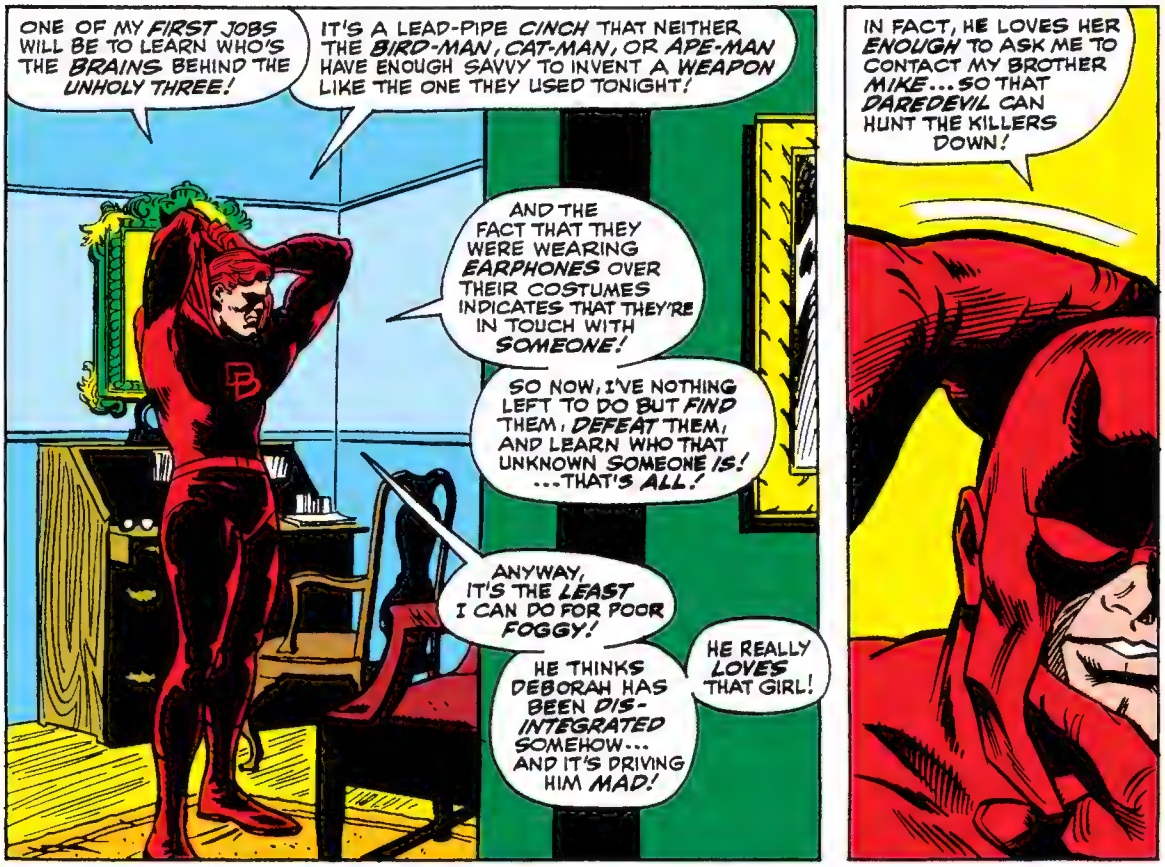
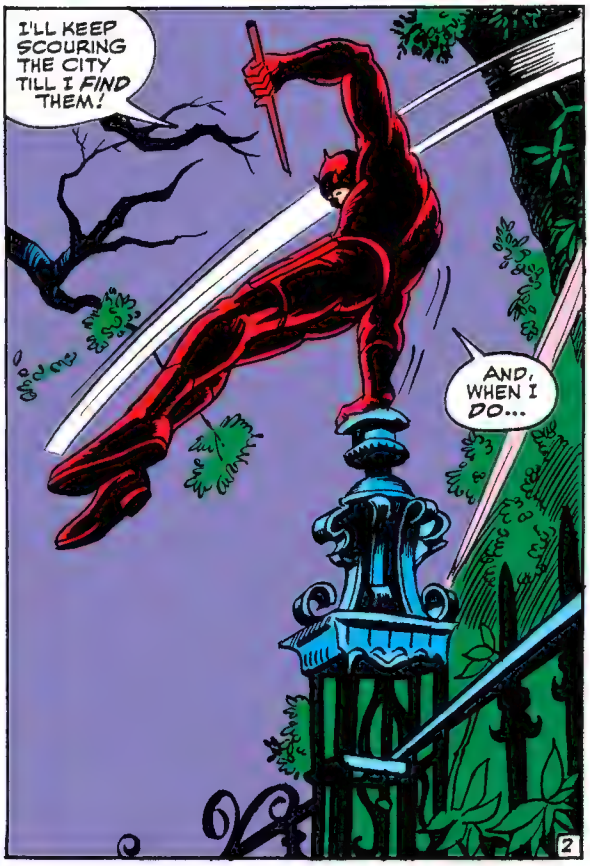
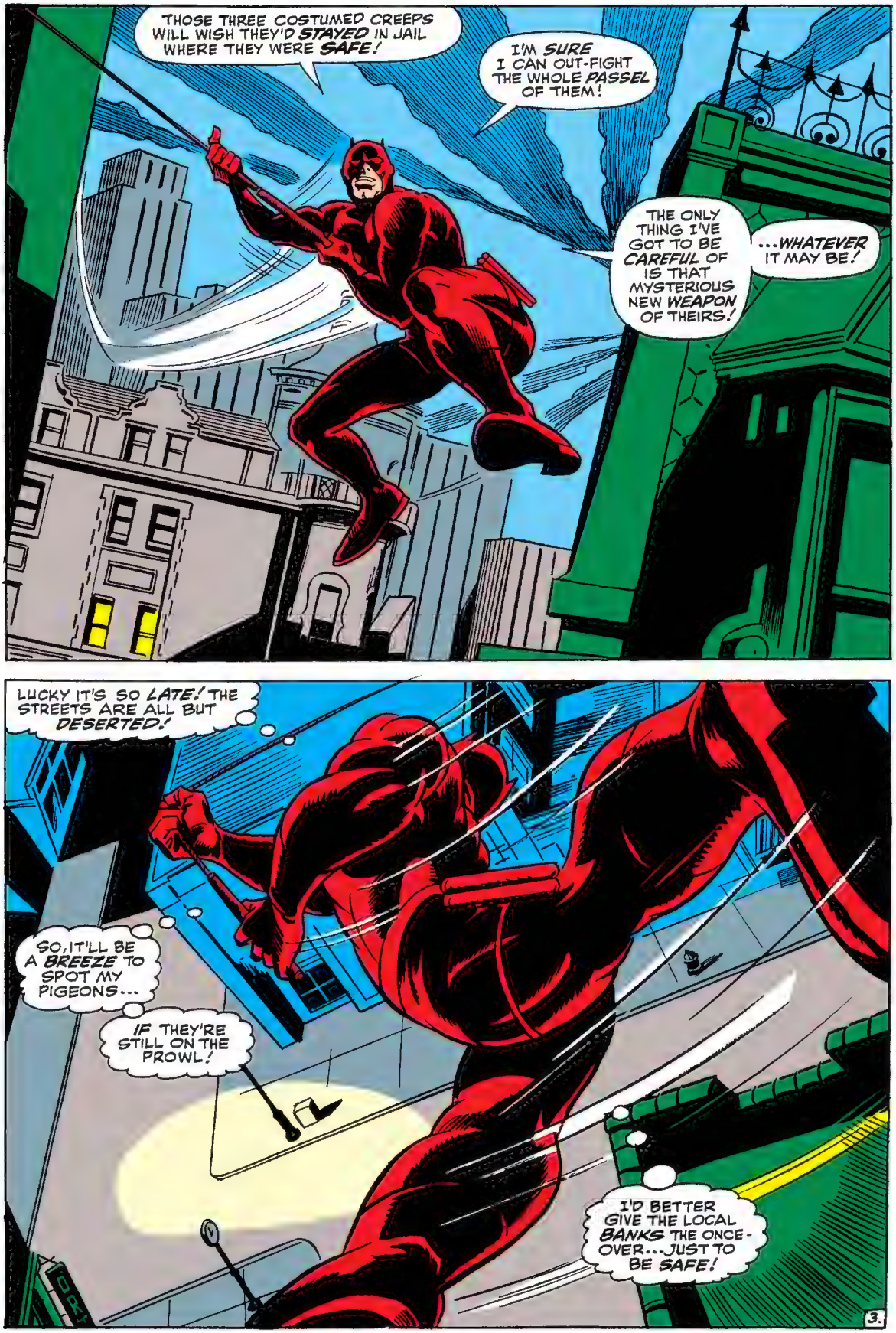

ONE OF MY FIRST JOBS WILL BE TO LEARN WHO'S THE BRAINS BEHIND THE UNHOLY THREE!
IT'S A LEAD-PIPE CINCH THAT NEITHER THE BIRD-MAN, CAT-MAN, OR APE-MAN HAVE ENOUGH SAVVY TO INVENT A WEAPON LIKE THE ONE THEY USED TONIGHT!
AND THE FACT THAT THEY WERE WEARING EARPHONES OVER THEIR COSTUMES INDICATES THAT THEY'RE IN TOUCH WITH SOMEONE!
SO NOW, I'VE NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT FIND THEM, DEFEAT THEM, AND LEARN WHO THAT UNKNOWN SOMEONE IS! ...THAT'S ALL!
ANYWAY, IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR POOR FOGGY!
HE THINKS DEBORAH HAS BEEN DIS-INTEGRATED SOMEHOW... AND IT'S DRIVING HIM MAD!
HE REALLY LOVES THAT GIRL!

IN FACT, HE LOVES HER ENOUGH TO ASK ME TO CONTACT MY BROTHER MIKE... SO THAT DAREDEVIL CAN HUNT THE KILLERS DOWN!

AND, SINCE MIKE AND MATT ARE ONE AND THE SAME...
MY PANICKY PARTNER IS GONNA GET HIS WISH...IN SPADES!!


I'LL KEEP SCOURING THE CITY TILL I FIND THEM!
AND, WHEN I DO...


THOSE THREE COSTUMED CREEPS WILL WISH THEY'D STAYED IN JAIL WHERE THEY WERE SAFE!
I'M SURE I CAN OUT-FIGHT THE WHOLE PASSEL OF THEM!
THE ONLY THING I'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL OF IS THAT MYSTERIOUS NEW WEAPON OF THEIRS!
...WHATEVER IT MAY BE!
LUCKY IT'S SO LATE! THE STREETS ARE ALL BUT DESERTED!
SO, IT'LL BE A BREEZE TO SPOT MY PIGEONS...
IF THEY'RE STILL ON THE PROWL!
I'D BETTER GIVE THE LOCAL BANKS THE ONCE-OVER...JUST TO BE SAFE!
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AND, SPEAKING OF LOCAL BANKS...
WH-WHO...OR WHAT... IN BLAZES ARE YOU??
SHUDDUP... AND GET INSIDE!
BANK
I...I JUST HEARD ABOUT YOU...ON THE RADIO!
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO AIMED THAT RAY GUN AT A GIRL... AND MADE HER VANISH!
I...WON'T GIVE YOU... ANY TROUBLE!
HAW! YOU BET YOUR LIFE YOU WON'T!
WE WANNA GET TO THE SAFE... AND WE MEAN NOW!
SURE...SURE! IT'S RIGHT IN THERE...THRU THIS IRON GATE...!
HOW FAST CAN YOU GET THE VAULT OPEN?
THE VAULT? I CAN'T OPEN IT! NO ONE CAN!
IT'S A TIME LOCK... AND IT'S SET FOR NINE O'CLOCK... IN THE MORNING!
TAKE A GUESS!
WAIT! STOP! WHAT...ARE YOU...GONNA DO..??
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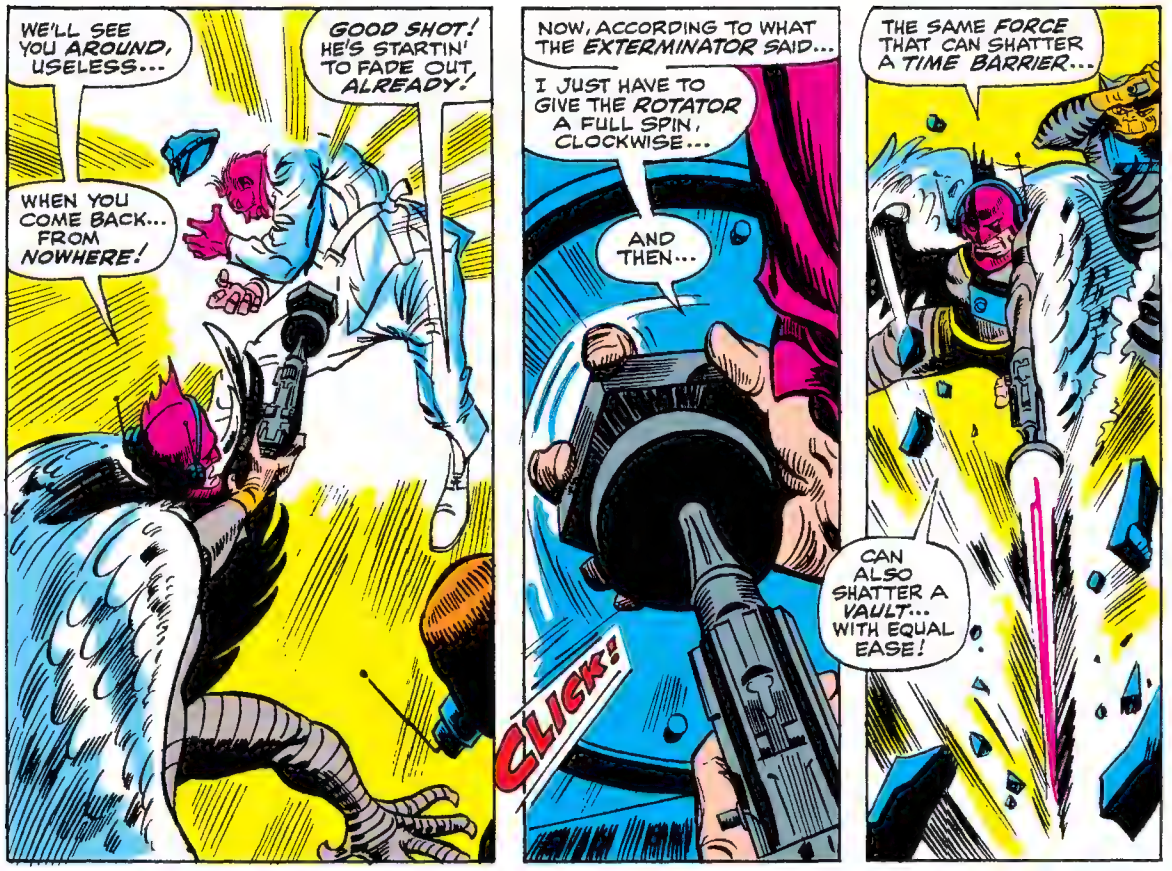
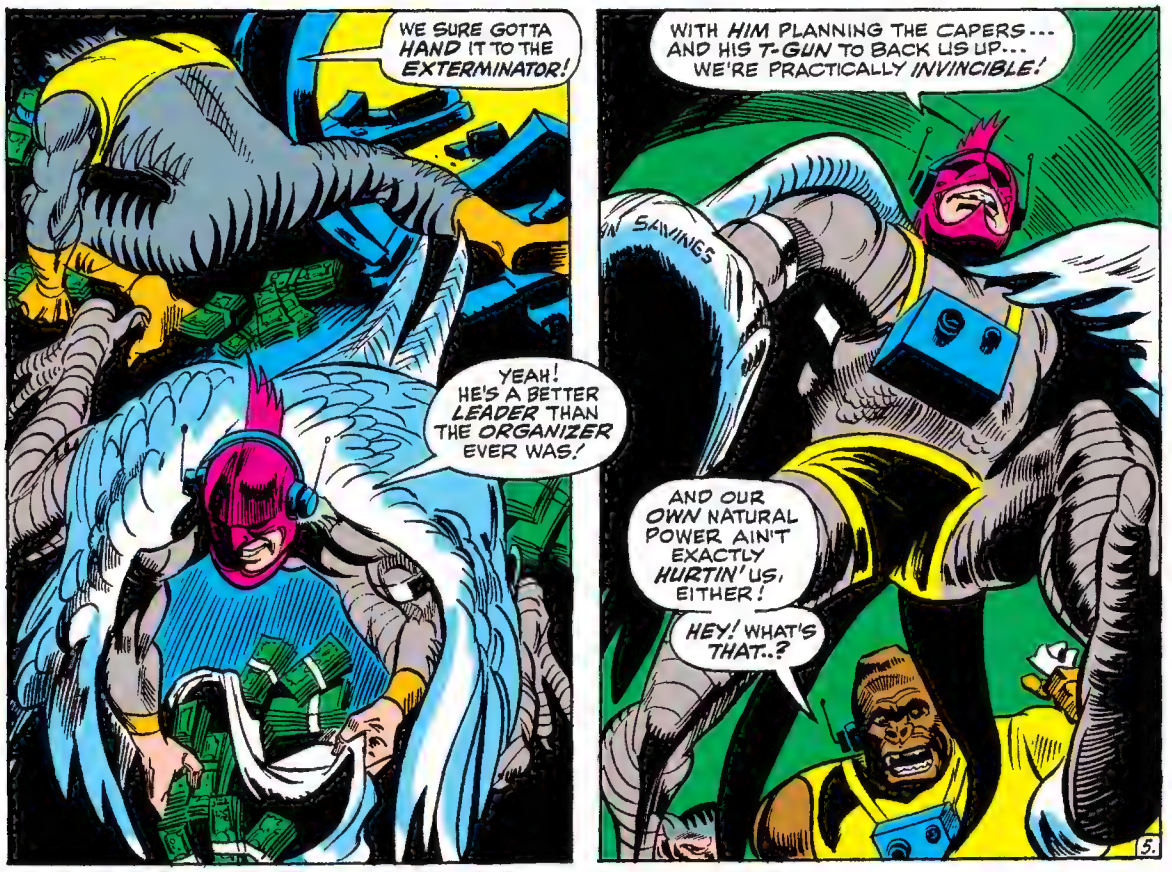

WE'LL SEE YOU AROUND, USELESS...
GOOD SHOT! HE'S STARTIN' TO FADE OUT ALREADY!
WHEN YOU COME BACK... FROM NOWHERE!
NOW, ACCORDING TO WHAT THE EXTERMINATOR SAID...
I JUST HAVE TO GIVE THE ROTATOR A FULL SPIN, CLOCKWISE...
AND THEN...
CLICK!
THE SAME FORCE THAT CAN SHATTER A TIME BARRIER...
CAN ALSO SHATTER A VAULT... WITH EQUAL EASE!


WE SURE GOTTA HAND IT TO THE EXTERMINATOR!
YEAH! HE'S A BETTER LEADER THAN THE ORGANIZER EVER WAS!
WITH HIM PLANNING THE CAPERS... AND HIS T-GUN TO BACK US UP... WE'RE PRACTICALLY INVINCIBLE!
SAVINGS
AND OUR OWN NATURAL POWER AIN'T EXACTLY HURTIN' US, EITHER!
HEY! WHAT'S THAT..?
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WHAT'S WHAT?
C'MON, SPEAK UP, WILLYA? WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
LOOKS LIKE...THERE'S GONNA BE...A LITTLE DELAY!
YOU'RE NOT MAKIN' SENSE! WHAT'S BUGGIN' YOU, ANYWAY?
TURN AROUND, AND SEE FOR YOURSELF, BIG MOUTH!
HUH? WHO SAID THAT?!!
YOU!
ATTABOY, BIRDIE...
IF THERE'S ONE THING I LIKE, IT'S A MAN OF FEW WORDS!
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HOPE YOU WEREN'T PLANNING TO GO ANYWHERE--!
'CAUSE IT'S KINDA CHILLY OUTSIDE...
AND WE WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO GET A NASTY OL' SNIFFLE NOW, WOULD WE?
CAREFUL WITH THAT CABBAGE, FEATHER-BRAIN---
IF YOU LOSE ANY, I'LL TAKE AWAY YOUR ALFRED E. NEWMAN BUTTON!
I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL!
THE OTHER TWO ARE IN HERE WITH HIM!

GIT OUTTA MY WAY! I'LL BREAK 'IM IN TWO!!
NO NEED FOR PANIC!
MY T-GUN WILL DO THE JOB EASIER... AND IT'LL BE MORE PERMANENT!
THEN HURRY!!
DON'TCHA REMEMBER HOW FAST HE IS?
IT'S OKAY, FUZZY!
I'M ALWAYS GLAD TO REMIND YOU!
CAT-MAN'S ABOUT TO SHOOT... RIGHT BEHIND ME!
HE DOESN'T KNOW I CAN SENSE HIM... WITHOUT LOOKING!
I HOPE THIS WON'T GIVE YOU THE WRONG IMPRESSION OF ME, TABBY!
I'M NOT NORMALLY AGGRESSIVE BY NATURE--!
IN FACT, I'M REALLY A PIPE AND SLIPPERS SORT OF CHAP!
I DON'T EVEN GO TO PEACE RALLIES... 'CAUSE THEY'RE TOO EXCITING!
Y'KNOW, I SOMEHOW SUSPECT THAT I'M NOT GETTING THRU TO YOU!
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YOU CRUMMY CLOWN... WE LET YA GET AWAY FROM US ONCE...
BUT YOU WON'T BE THAT LUCKY AGAIN!
AH HA! THAT'S WHAT IT IS! WE'RE JUST HAVING A PROBLEM IN COMMUNICATION!
ALL THIS TIME I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU WHO WERE ESCAPING FROM ME!
KEEP TALKIN', HORNHEAD!
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE SO SLICK, TRY COUNTIN' THE ODDS!
THEY'RE ALL ON OUR SIDE NOW!
YEP! YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE, SON!
SO, THE ONLY THING TO DO IS CUT DOWN THOSE ODDS...
LIKE THIS!
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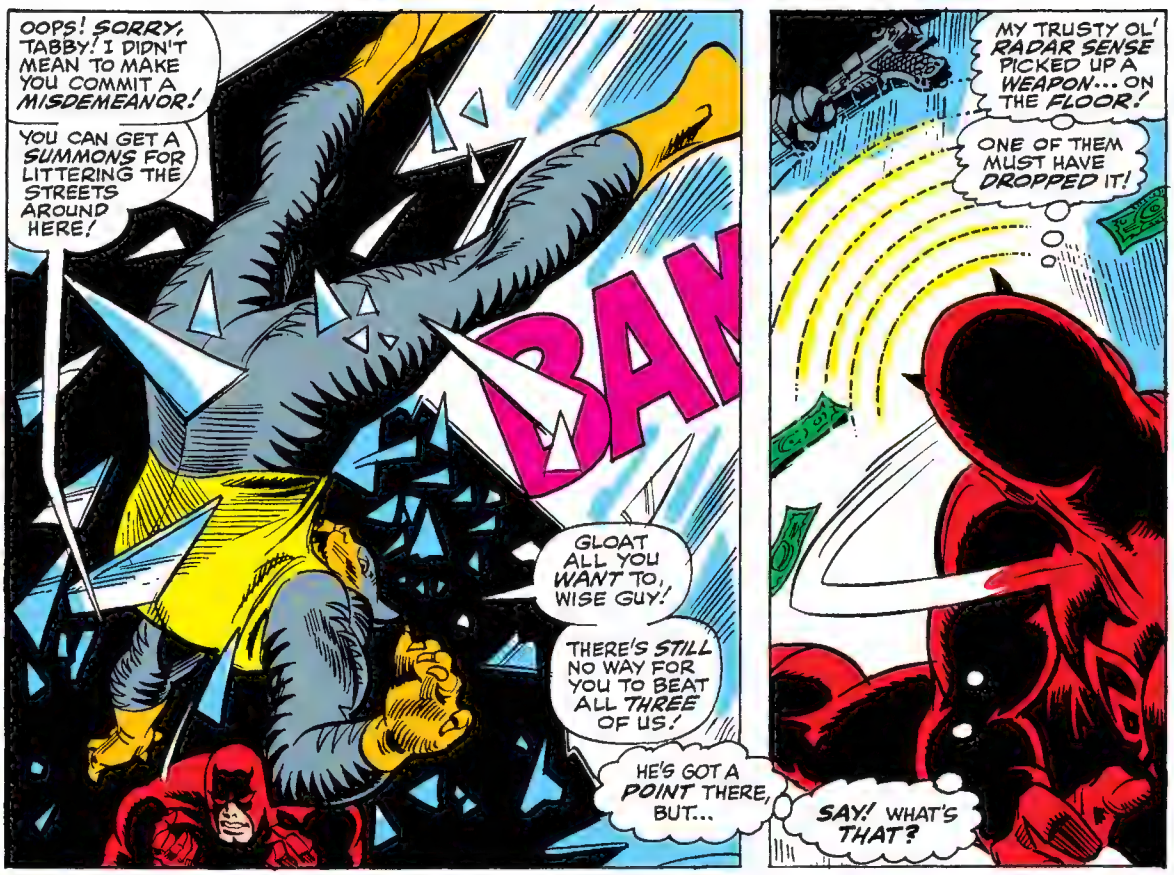
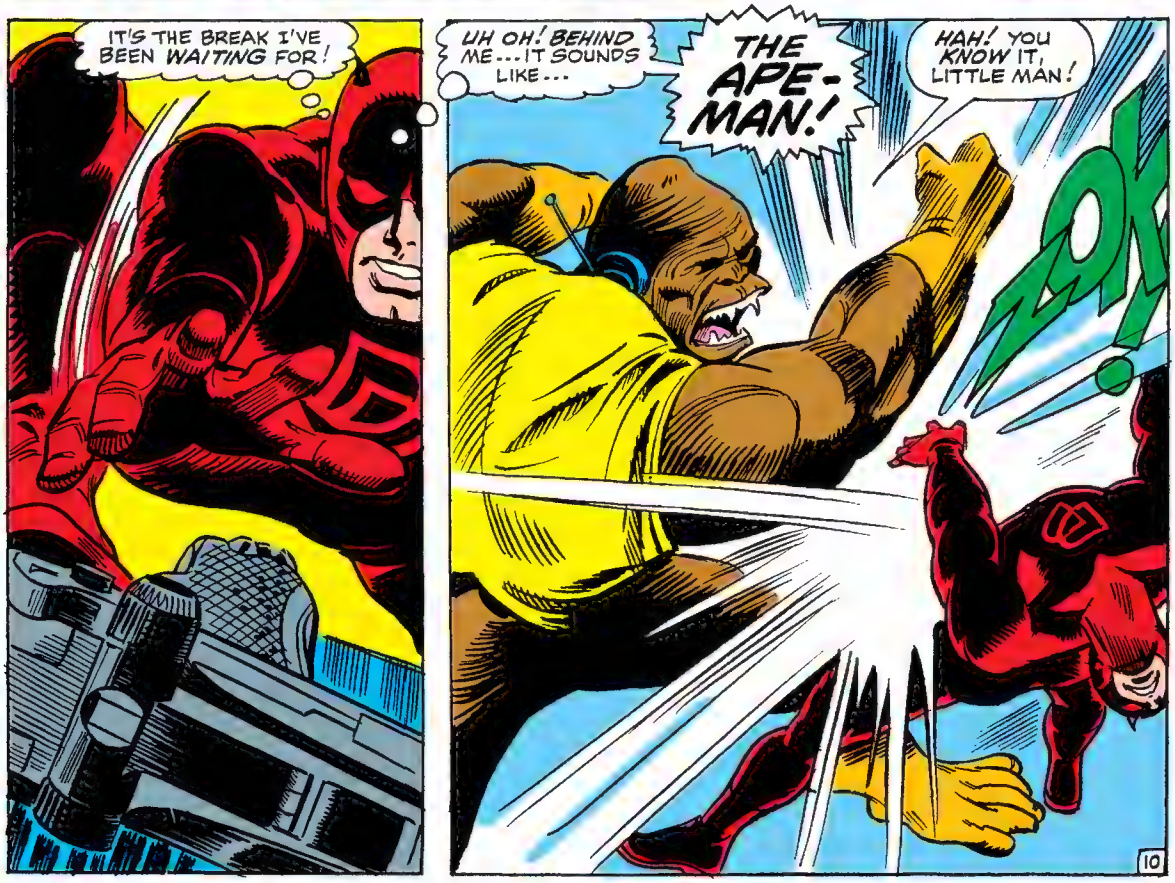
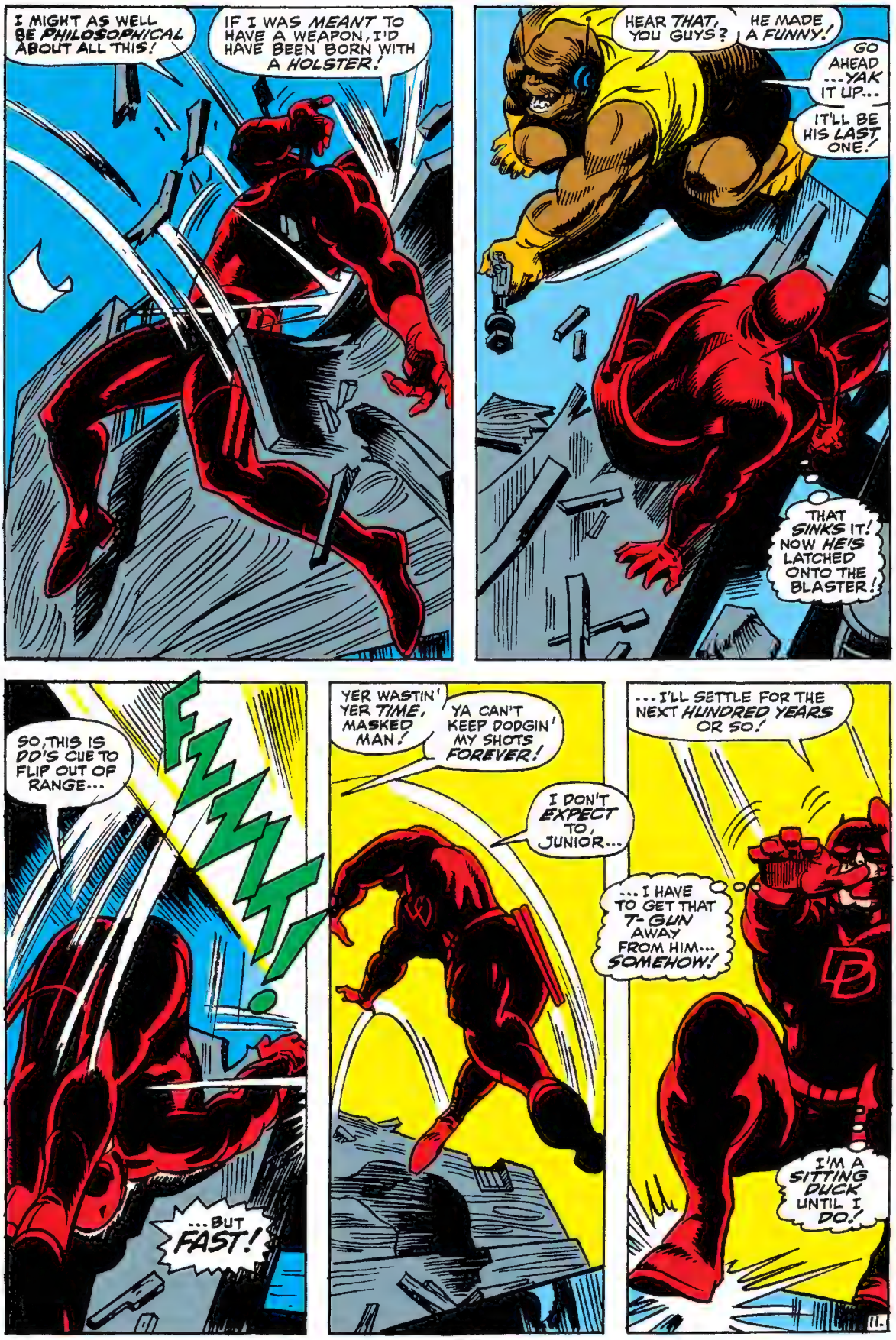
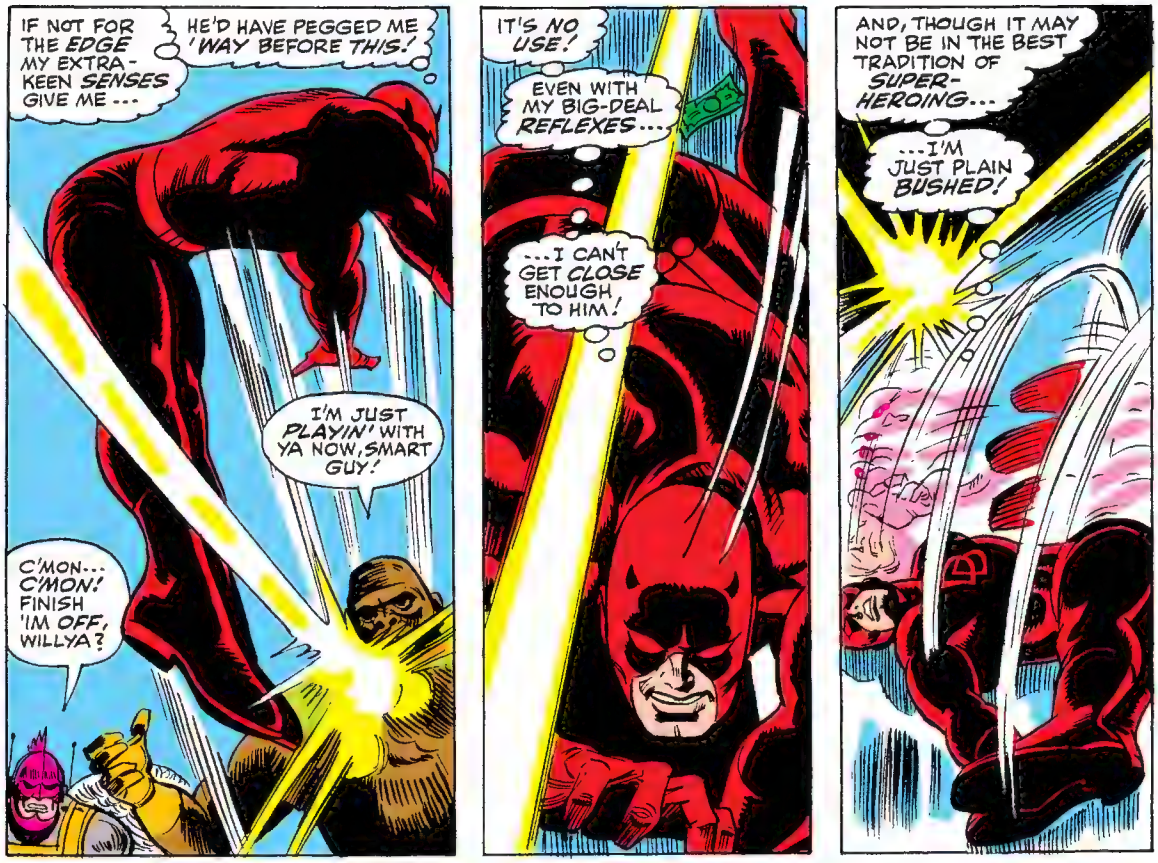
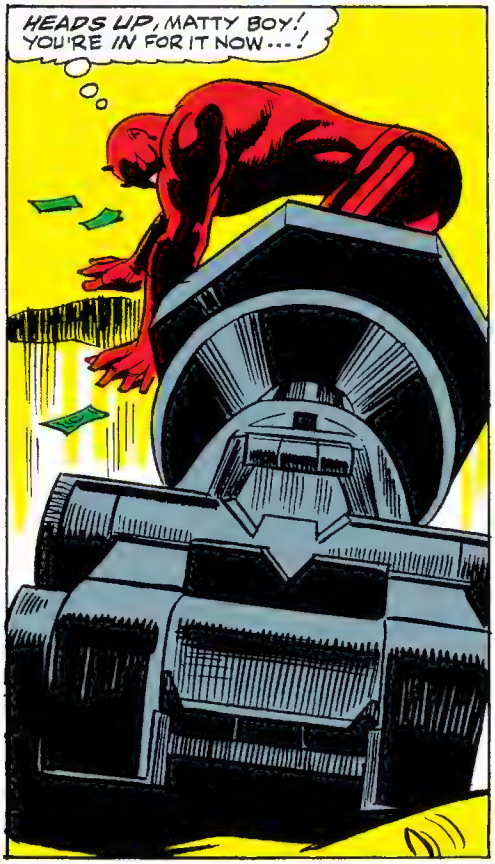

OOPS! SORRY, TABBY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU COMMIT A MISDEMEANOR!
YOU CAN GET A SUMMONS FOR LITTERING THE STREETS AROUND HERE!
BAM
GLOAT ALL YOU WANT TO, WISE GUY!
THERE'S STILL NO WAY FOR YOU TO BEAT ALL THREE OF US!
HE'S GOT A POINT THERE, BUT...
MY TRUSTY OL' RADAR SENSE PICKED UP A WEAPON... ON THE FLOOR!
ONE OF THEM MUST HAVE DROPPED IT!
SAY! WHAT'S THAT?

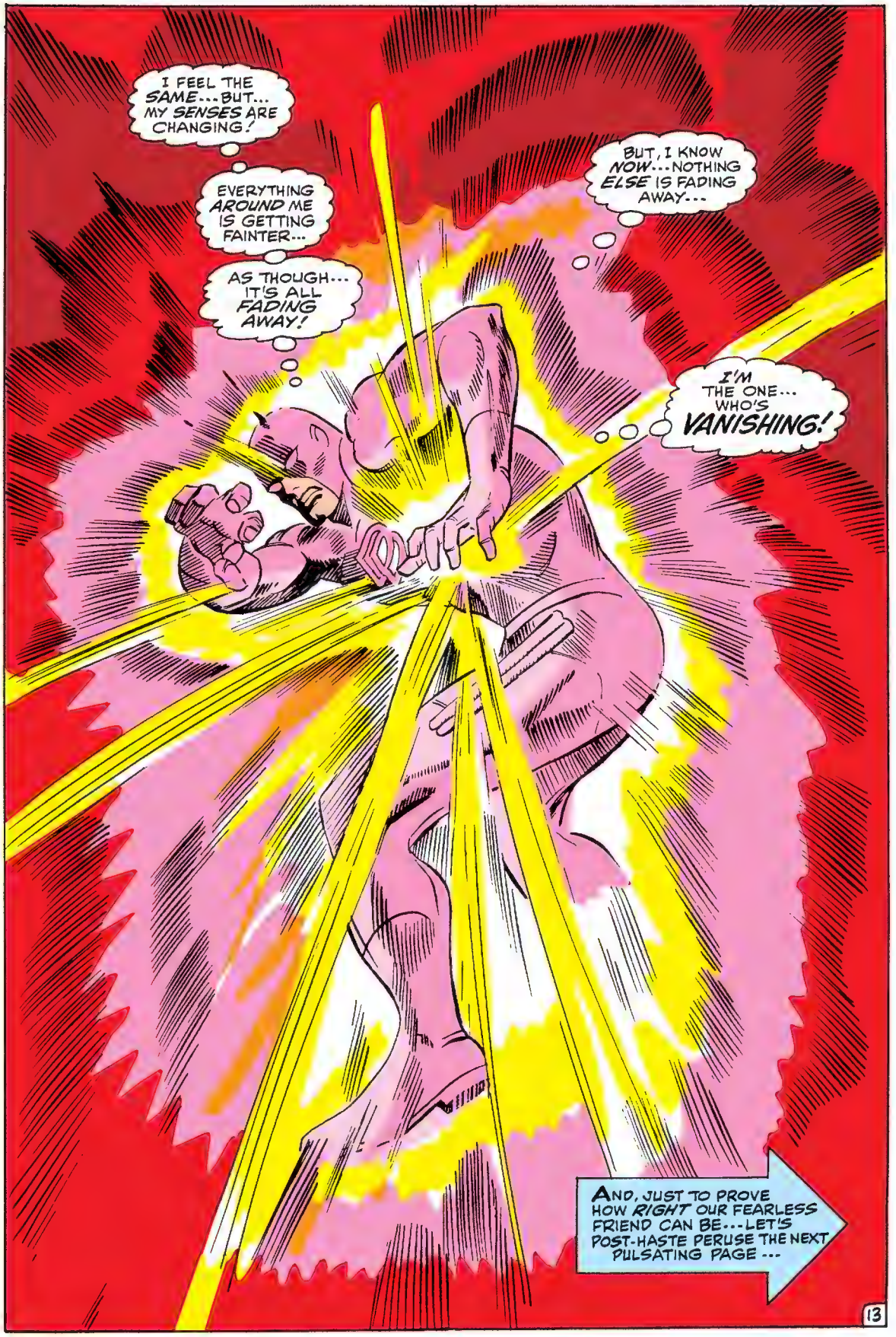

IT'S THE BREAK I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
UH OH! BEHIND ME... IT SOUNDS LIKE...
THE APE-MAN!
HAH! YOU KNOW IT, LITTLE MAN!
ZOK!

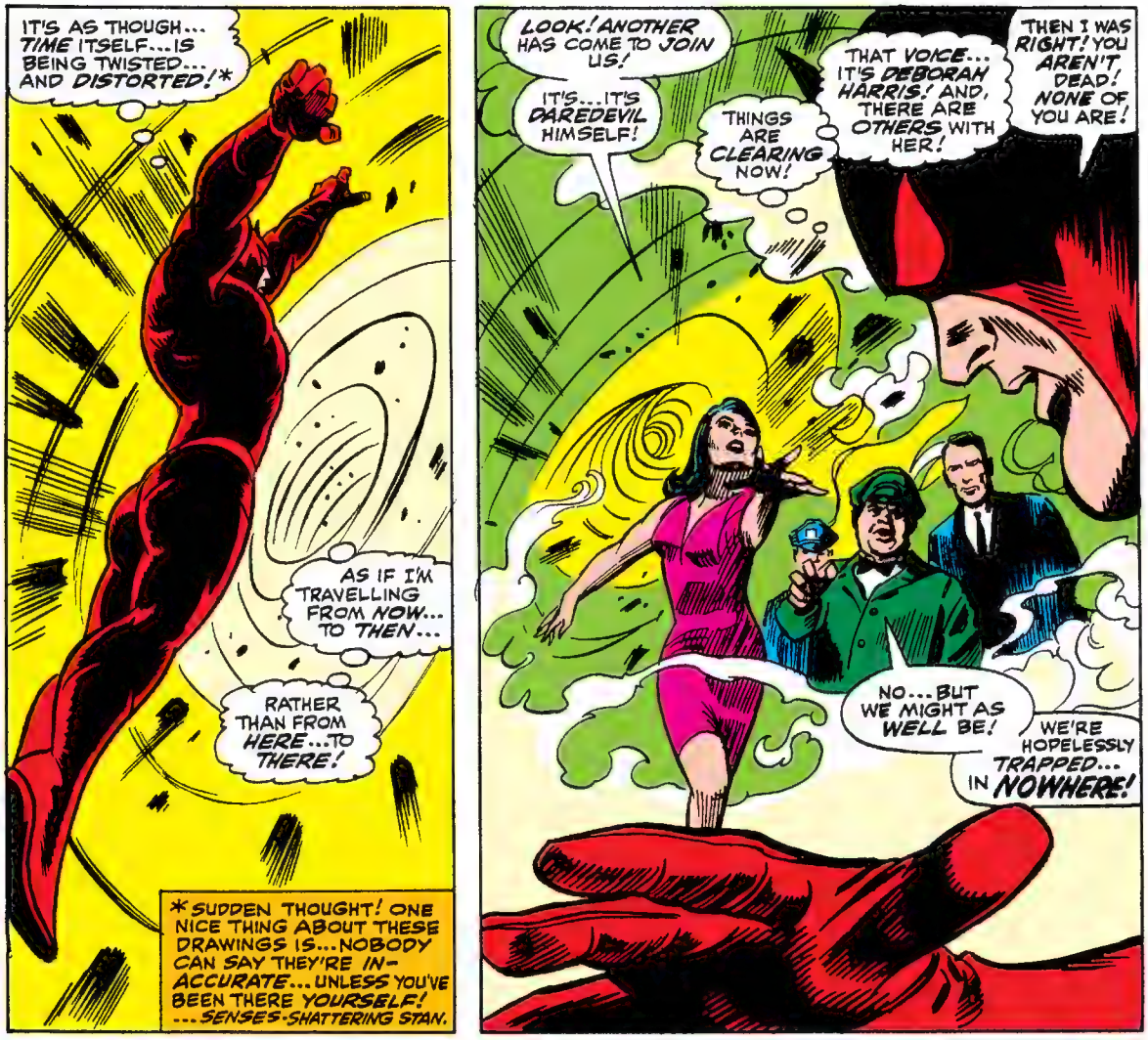

I MIGHT AS WELL BE PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT ALL THIS!
IF I WAS MEANT TO HAVE A WEAPON, I'D HAVE BEEN BORN WITH A HOLSTER!
HEAR THAT, YOU GUYS?
HE MADE A FUNNY!
GO AHEAD ...YAK IT UP...
IT'LL BE HIS LAST ONE!
THAT SINKS IT! NOW HE'S LATCHED ONTO THE BLASTER!
SO, THIS IS DD'S CUE TO FLIP OUT OF RANGE...
FZZZT!
...BUT FAST!
YER WASTIN' YER TIME, MASKED MAN!
YA CAN'T KEEP DODGIN' MY SHOTS FOREVER!
I DON'T EXPECT TO, JUNIOR...
...I'LL SETTLE FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS OR SO!
...I HAVE TO GET THAT T-GUN AWAY FROM HIM... SOMEHOW!
I'M A SITTING DUCK UNTIL I DO!

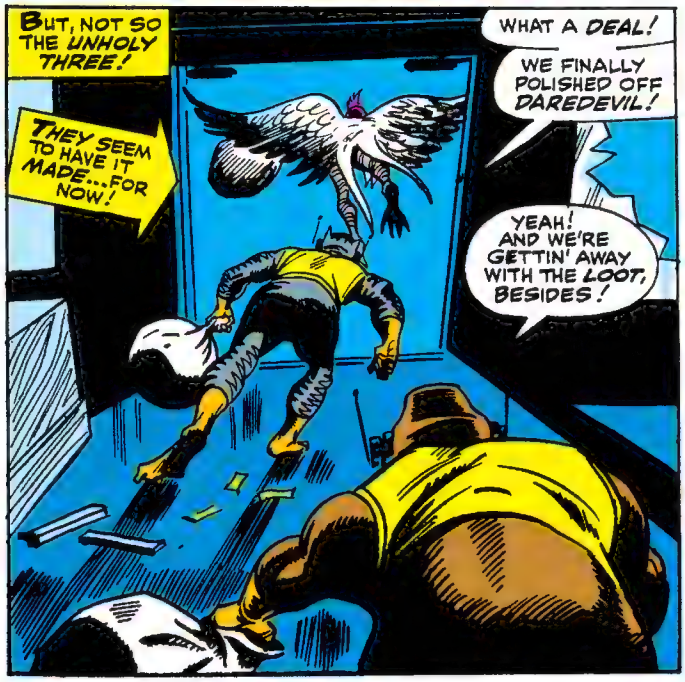

IF NOT FOR THE EDGE MY EXTRA-KEEN SENSES GIVE ME ---
HE'D HAVE PEGGED ME 'WAY BEFORE THIS!
I'M JUST PLAYIN' WITH YA NOW, SMART GUY!
C'MON... C'MON! FINISH 'IM OFF, WILLYA?
IT'S NO USE!
EVEN WITH MY BIG-DEAL REFLEXES...
...I CAN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO HIM!
AND, THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE IN THE BEST TRADITION OF SUPER-HEROING...
...I'M JUST PLAIN BUSHED!


HEADS UP, MATTY BOY! YOU'RE IN FOR IT NOW---!

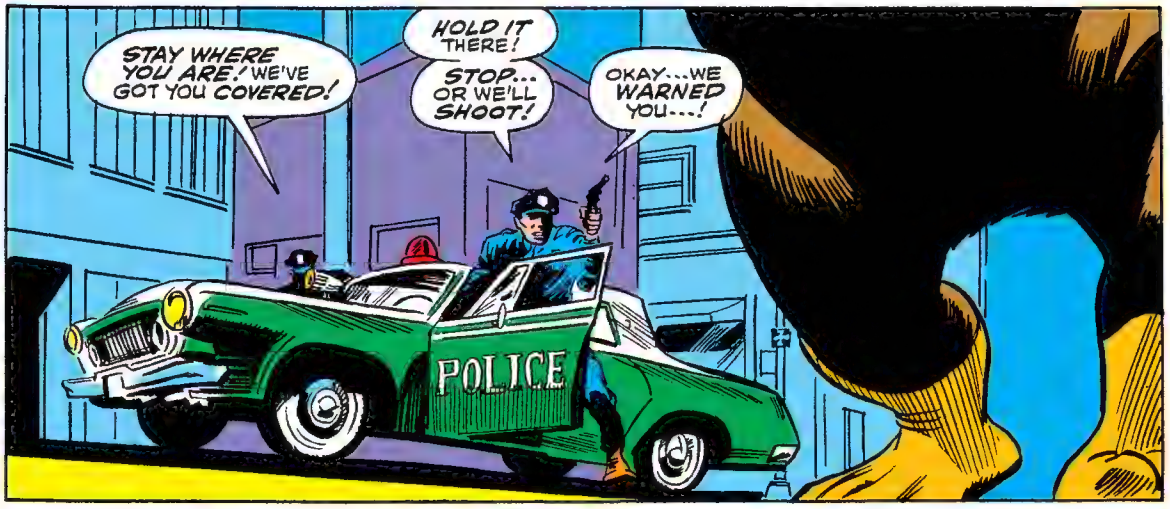
I GOT 'IM!!
FLASH!


I FEEL THE SAME... BUT... MY SENSES ARE CHANGING!
EVERYTHING AROUND ME IS GETTING FAINTER...
AS THOUGH... IT'S ALL FADING AWAY!
BUT, I KNOW NOW... NOTHING ELSE IS FADING AWAY...
I'M THE ONE... WHO'S VANISHING!
AND, JUST TO PROVE HOW RIGHT OUR FEARLESS FRIEND CAN BE... LET'S POST-HASTE PERUSE THE NEXT PULSATING PAGE ...


IT'S AS THOUGH... TIME ITSELF...IS BEING TWISTED... AND DISTORTED!*
AS IF I'M TRAVELLING FROM NOW... TO THEN...
RATHER THAN FROM HERE...TO THERE!
*SUDDEN THOUGHT! ONE NICE THING ABOUT THESE DRAWINGS IS...NOBODY CAN SAY THEY'RE IN-ACCURATE...UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN THERE YOURSELF! ---SENSES-SHATTERING STAN.
LOOK! ANOTHER HAS COME TO JOIN US!
IT'S...IT'S DAREDEVIL HIMSELF!
THINGS ARE CLEARING NOW!
THAT VOICE... IT'S DEBORAH HARRIS! AND, THERE ARE OTHERS WITH HER!
THEN I WAS RIGHT! YOU AREN'T DEAD! NONE OF YOU ARE!
NO...BUT WE MIGHT AS WELL BE!
WE'RE HOPELESSLY TRAPPED... IN NOWHERE!

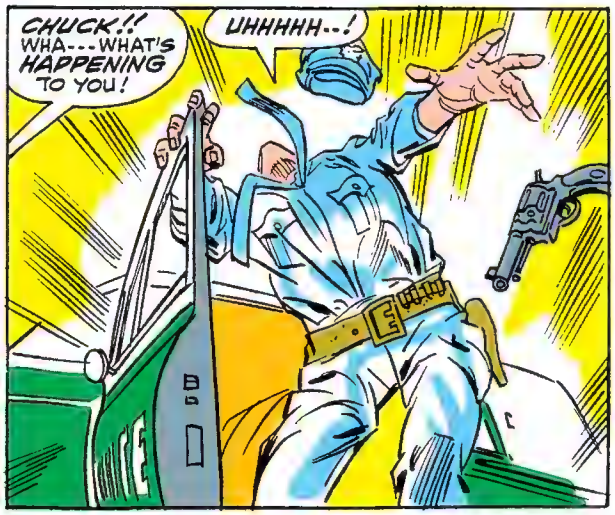

BUT, NOT SO THE UNHOLY THREE!
THEY SEEM TO HAVE IT MADE...FOR NOW!
WHAT A DEAL!
WE FINALLY POLISHED OFF DAREDEVIL!
YEAH! AND WE'RE GETTIN' AWAY WITH THE LOOT, BESIDES!

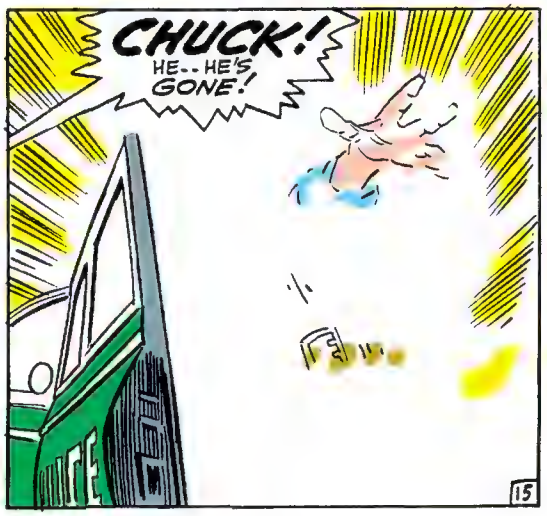
HOWEVER, AT THAT MOMENT...
LOOK! IT'S THE ONES WE'RE AFTER!
LET'S TAKE 'EM!
SKREEE!


STAY WHERE YOU ARE! WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!
HOLD IT THERE!
STOP... OR WE'LL SHOOT!
OKAY...WE WARNED YOU...!
POLICE

DON'T WANNA KILL 'EM IF I CAN HELP IT!
I'LL FIRE A BURST OVER THEIR HEADS!
KRAK!

BUT, BEFORE THE CONSCIENTIOUS OFFICER CAN TAKE AIM A SECOND TIME...
OKAY, BLUE-COAT..YOU HAD IT!
YAF!


CHUCK!! WHA---WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU!
UHHHHH..!


CHUCK!
HE--HE'S GONE!

LET'S SEE NOW...WE SEEM TO BE RUNNING OUT OF CHARACTERS! SO, WHO'S LEFT? OH, YES...FRANTIC FOGGY...
STILL NO WORD ABOUT DEBBIE!
IT'S AS THOUGH THE EARTH SWALLOWED HER UP!
AND THE KILLERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE ARE STILL AT LARGE!
SOONER OR LATER DAREDEVIL WILL GET ON THEIR TRAIL, FOGGY..!
BUT I CAN'T BE SURE!
SO FAR THERE HASN'T BEEN A SIGN OF THAT SWAGGERING, MASKED SHOW-OFF!
DEBBIE...MY DARLING...I NEVER REALIZED... HOW MUCH YOU MEANT TO ME..!
PERHAPS WHEN MATT RETURNS...
FORGET IT, KAREN! I MAY JUST BE A PUDGY, INEFFECTUAL LAWYER...
BUT, I HARDLY THINK A BLIND MAN WOULD BE ABLE TO DO ANY-THING THAT I CAN'T DO!
I'M GOING OUT FOR A WHILE!
IF ANYONE CALLS... JUST TAKE THE MESSAGE!
BUT, WHAT IF MATT NEEDS YOU?
WHAT SHALL I TELL HIM?
I'LL BE AT THE LIBRARY... FOLLOWING A HUNCH!
I WANT TO STUDY THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS...ABOUT THE UNHOLY THREE!
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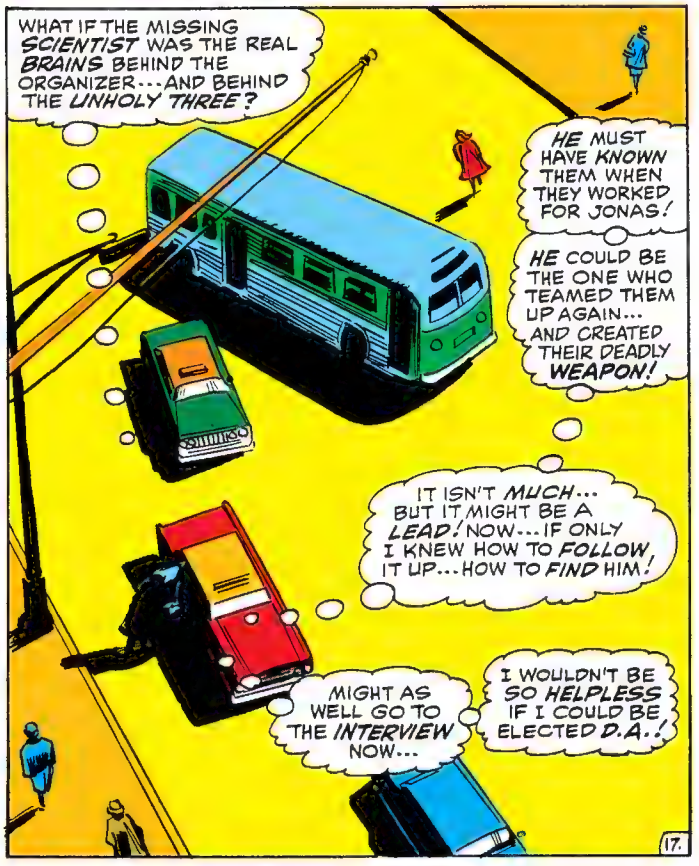
THEY USED TO WORK FOR ABNER JONAS... BETTER KNOWN AS THE ORGANIZER!
BUT HE'S STILL SAFELY IN THE STATE PEN.!
THEY HAVEN'T THE BRAINS TO OPERATE BY THEMSELVES...
SO, PERHAPS I CAN FIND A CLUE TO WHO'S BEHIND THEM..SOMEHOW!
PROMISE... THAT YOU'LL BE CAREFUL!
CAREFUL? WHAT TROUBLE CAN A SQUARE LIKE ME GET INTO?
--AND DON'T FORGET... YOU HAVE A TV INTER-VIEW AT FIVE!

AN INTERVIEW! WHO CARES ABOUT THAT NOW?
THE GIRL I LOVE... MISSING... PERHAPS EVEN... DEAD!
AT A TIME LIKE THIS... HOW I ENVY A MAN WITH THE STRENGTH--AND THE CONFIDENCE OF DAREDEVIL!
BUT EVEN A MAN WHO'S NOT A SUPERHERO... CAN STILL BE USEFUL!

THIS IS WHAT I'M AFTER... OLD CLIPPINGS... WRITE-UPS OF THE CAPTURE OF THE ORGANIZER'S GANG!
NOW, IF ONLY MY HUNCH PAYS OFF...!
WHOEVER IS LEADING THEM NOW... MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THEM... IN THE PAST!

THEN, AFTER LONG, DULL, TORTUROUS HOURS OF READING...
I FOUND IT...
HIDDEN AWAY IN THIS FEATURE ARTICLE--
THERE WAS A SCIENTIST WORKING FOR JONAS...
BUT HE LEFT TOWN... JUST BEFORE THE TRIAL!
SINCE HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CASE...
NOBODY BOTHERED TO LOOK FOR HIM! HE WAS SOON FORGOTTEN!


WHAT IF THE MISSING SCIENTIST WAS THE REAL BRAINS BEHIND THE ORGANIZER... AND BEHIND THE UNHOLY THREE?
HE MUST HAVE KNOWN THEM WHEN THEY WORKED FOR JONAS!
HE COULD BE THE ONE WHO TEAMED THEM UP AGAIN... AND CREATED THEIR DEADLY WEAPON!
IT ISN'T MUCH... BUT IT MIGHT BE A LEAD! NOW... IF ONLY I KNEW HOW TO FOLLOW IT UP... HOW TO FIND HIM!
MIGHT AS WELL GO TO THE INTERVIEW NOW...
I WOULDN'T BE SO HELPLESS IF I COULD BE ELECTED D.A.!

MEANWHILE, AS FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON TAKES A TAXI TO ONE OF HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN TV INTERVIEWS, THE POLICE DRAGNET GROWS EVER WIDER---
ATTENTION ALL UNITS! BE ON LOOKOUT FOR THREE MASKED FUGITIVES---
...BEST KNOWN BY THE NAMES OF BIRD-MAN, APE-MAN, AND CAT-MAN---
EEEEEE
...THEY ARE ARMED WITH A NEW, STILL-UNCLASSIFIED LETHAL WEAPON, AND MUST BE CONSIDERED HIGHLY DANGEROUS...
ALL CITIZENS ARE URGED TO STAY OFF THE STREETS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE...
EVERY AVAILABLE MAN IS ON THE JOB!
BUT, THERE'S NO DEFENSE AGAINST THAT MYSTERIOUS WEAPON OF THEIRS!
AND, WHILE THE CITY TREMBLES, THE ELECTION DAY DRAWS NEARER...
AS YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I WILL WORK NIGHT AND DAY TO MAKE THE STREETS OF OUR CITY SAFE AGAIN---
AND NOW, THIS IS MY PLATFORM...
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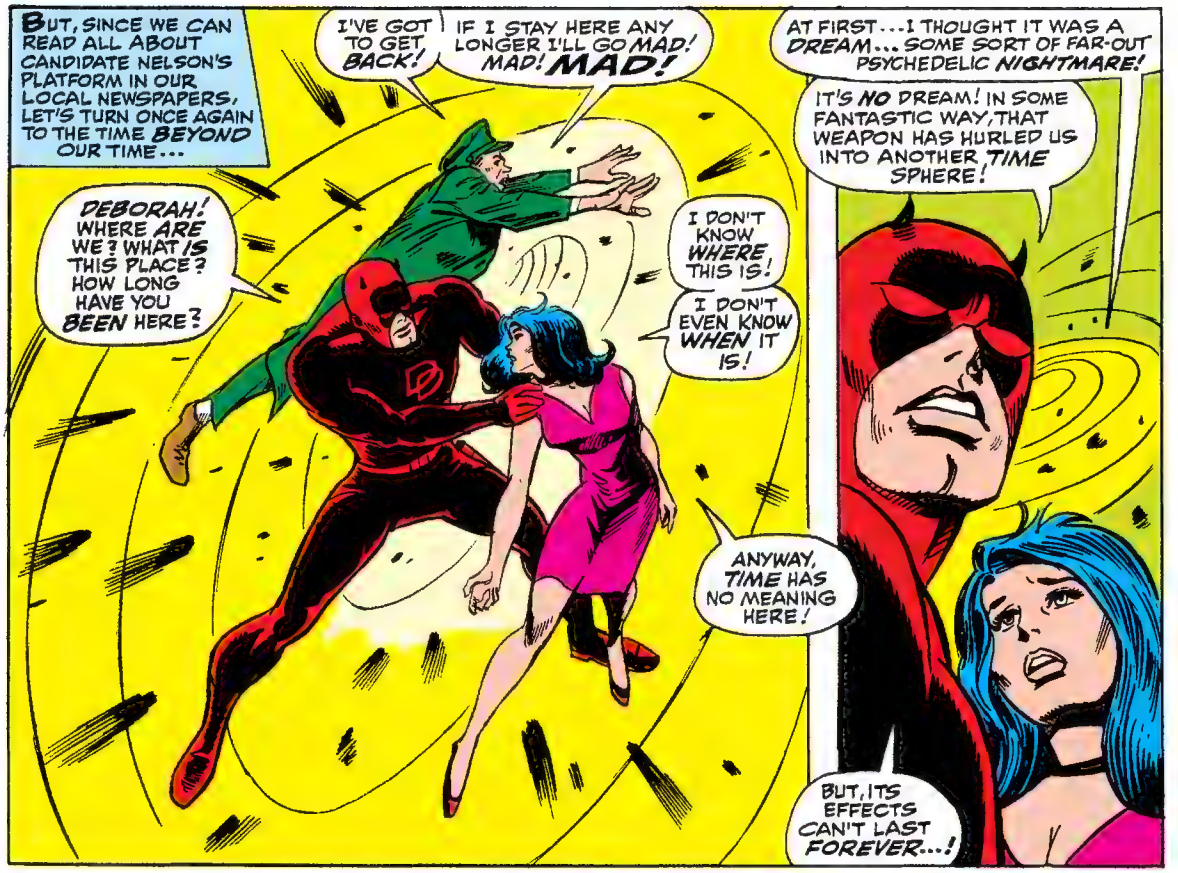
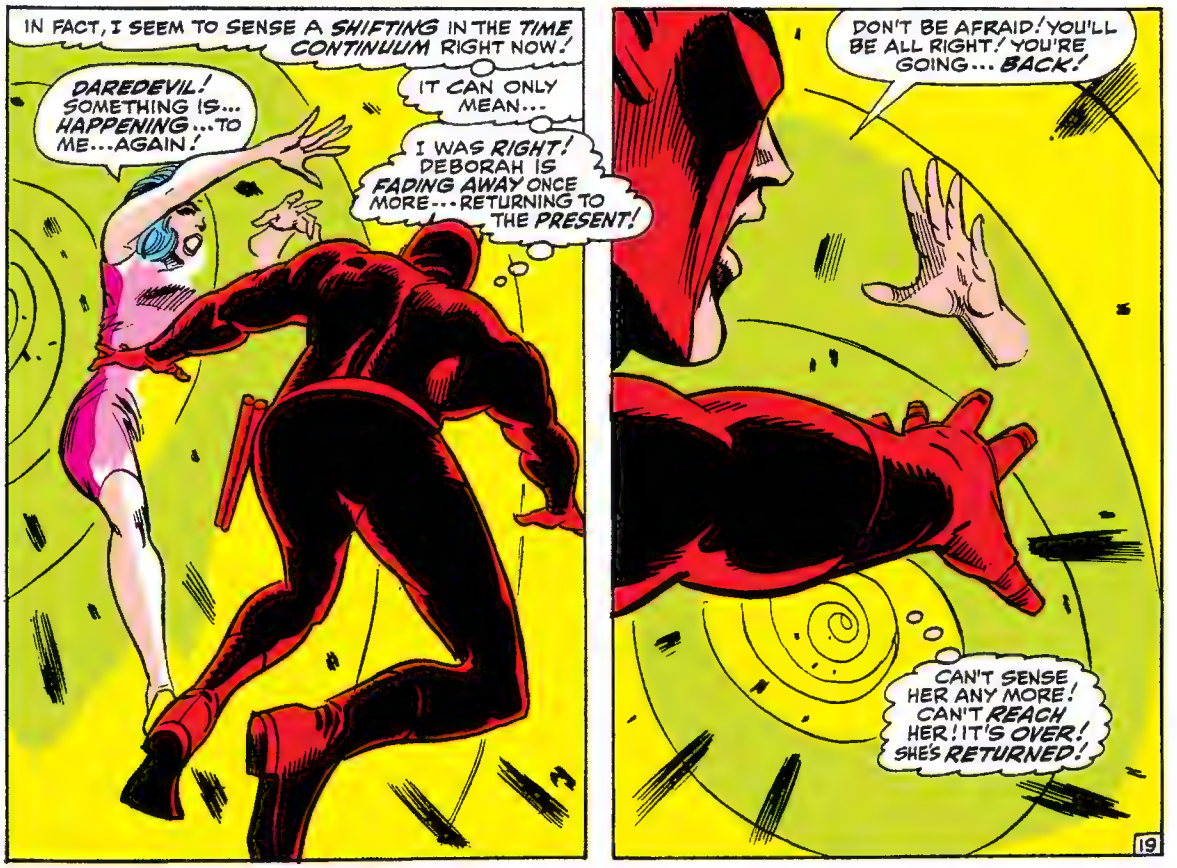

BUT, SINCE WE CAN READ ALL ABOUT CANDIDATE NELSON'S PLATFORM IN OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, LET'S TURN ONCE AGAIN TO THE TIME BEYOND OUR TIME...
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK!
IF I STAY HERE ANY LONGER I'LL GO MAD! MAD! MAD!
DEBORAH! WHERE ARE WE? WHAT IS THIS PLACE? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS IS!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHEN IT IS!
ANYWAY, TIME HAS NO MEANING HERE!
AT FIRST...I THOUGHT IT WAS A DREAM... SOME SORT OF FAR-OUT PSYCHEDELIC NIGHTMARE!
IT'S NO DREAM! IN SOME FANTASTIC WAY, THAT WEAPON HAS HURLED US INTO ANOTHER TIME SPHERE!
BUT, ITS EFFECTS CAN'T LAST FOREVER...!


IN FACT, I SEEM TO SENSE A SHIFTING IN THE TIME CONTINUUM RIGHT NOW!
DAREDEVIL! SOMETHING IS... HAPPENING...TO ME...AGAIN!
IT CAN ONLY MEAN...
I WAS RIGHT! DEBORAH IS FADING AWAY ONCE MORE...RETURNING TO THE PRESENT!
DON'T BE AFRAID! YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT! YOU'RE GOING... BACK!
CAN'T SENSE HER ANY MORE! CAN'T REACH HER! IT'S OVER! SHE'S RETURNED!

NOW THE SAME THING IS HAPPENING ALL AROUND ME!
THE EFFECTS ARE WEARING OFF THE VICTIMS WHO WERE SENT HERE EARLIER!
NOW THE LAST OF THEM IS FADING AWAY!
---AND I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT!
LEFT IN A WORLD WHICH IS NOT A WORLD---
TRAPPED BEHIND A BARRIER WHICH ISN'T THERE... BUT WHICH CAN'T BE PENETRATED!
FOR ONCE, ALL MY POWERS... MY HYPER-KEEN SENSES... CAN DO ME NO GOOD!
TIME ITSELF... WHICH CANNOT BE TOUCHED... CANNOT BE SEEN... IS THE STRONGEST TRAP IN ALL THE WORLD!
I'M CERTAIN THAT I RECEIVED A FAR MORE POTENT BLAST OF THE T-RAY THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS WHO HAVE RETURNED!
THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT ABOUT IT---
THE GREATER THE BLAST... THE LONGER THE VICTIM REMAINS HERE!
WHAT IF THE JOLT I SUFFERED MEANS...
...I MUST STAY HERE... FOREVER?!!
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OUR SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER HAS BEEN TRAPPED IN AN ENDLESS TIME CONTINUUM BY THE EXTERMINATOR AND HIS THREE BESTIAL HIRELINGS! BUT, THOUGH HIS PLIGHT SEEMS HOPELESS, YOU CAN REST ASSURED HE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING...AFTER ALL, WE'VE STILL GOT TWENTY PULSATING PAGES TO FILL---!!
THE OTHERS FADED BACK TO THE PRESENT WHEN THE T-GUN'S BLAST EFFECT WORE OFF!
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW POWERFUL A BLAST I RECEIVED... OR HOW LONG IT WILL LAST!
I CAN'T LOSE HOPE... I CAN'T GIVE UP...NOT WHILE THE UNHOLY THREE ARE STILL AT LARGE!
TIME ITSELF..WHICH CANNOT BE TOUCHED.. CANNOT BE SEEN... IS THE STRONGEST TRAP IN ALL THE WORLD!
...AND I'M CAUGHT IN IT!
BUT THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT... SOMEWHERE...SOMEHOW...THERE MUST BE!
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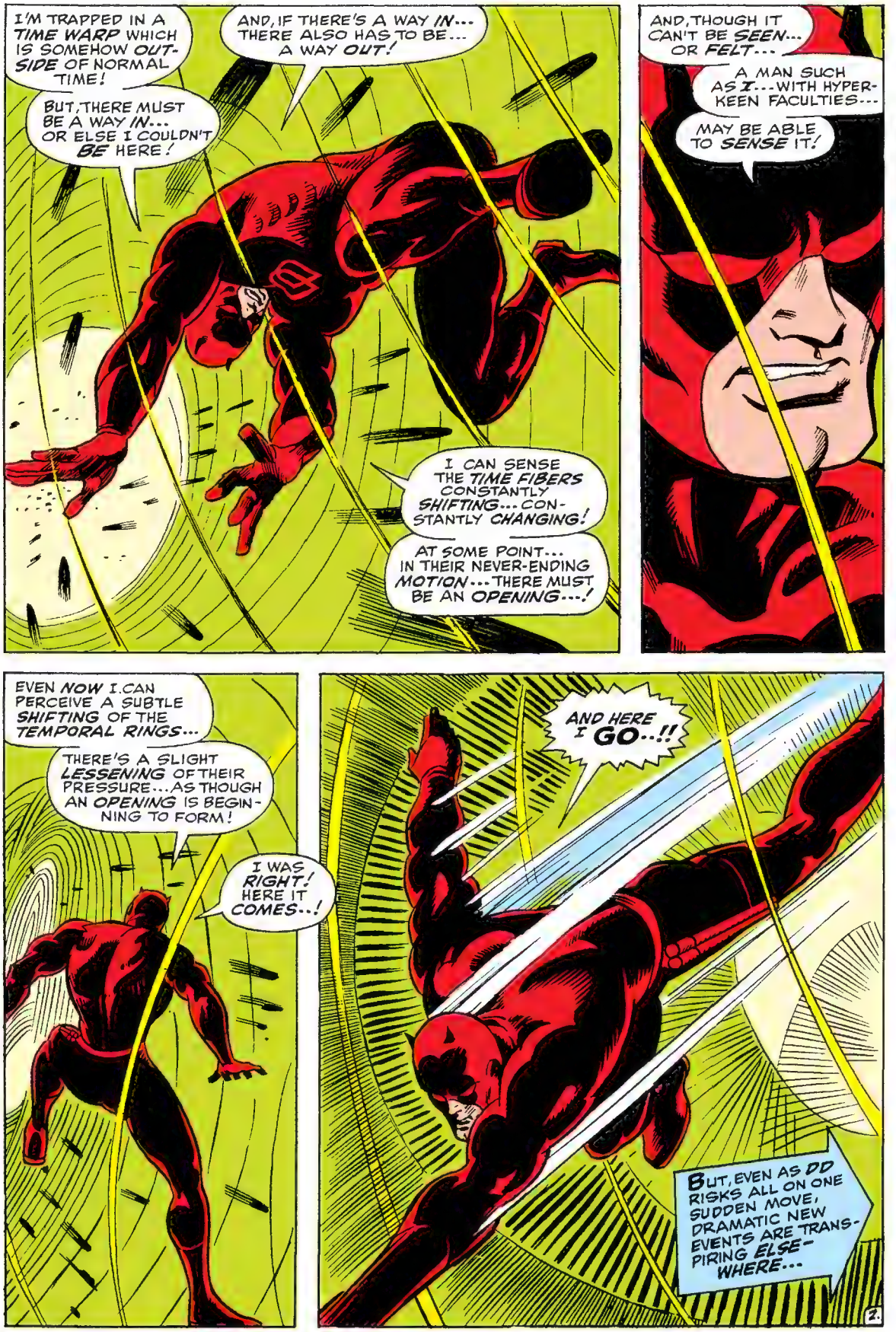
I'M TRAPPED IN A TIME WARP WHICH IS SOMEHOW OUTSIDE OF NORMAL TIME!
AND, IF THERE'S A WAY IN... THERE ALSO HAS TO BE... A WAY OUT!
BUT, THERE MUST BE A WAY IN... OR ELSE I COULDN'T BE HERE!
I CAN SENSE THE TIME FIBERS CONSTANTLY SHIFTING... CONSTANTLY CHANGING!
AT SOME POINT... IN THEIR NEVER-ENDING MOTION... THERE MUST BE AN OPENING...!
AND, THOUGH IT CAN'T BE SEEN... OR FELT...
A MAN SUCH AS I... WITH HYPER-KEEN FACULTIES...
MAY BE ABLE TO SENSE IT!
EVEN NOW I CAN PERCEIVE A SUBTLE SHIFTING OF THE TEMPORAL RINGS...
THERE'S A SLIGHT LESSENING OF THEIR PRESSURE... AS THOUGH AN OPENING IS BEGINNING TO FORM!
I WAS RIGHT! HERE IT COMES..!
AND HERE I GO..!!
BUT, EVEN AS DD RISKS ALL ON ONE SUDDEN MOVE, DRAMATIC NEW EVENTS ARE TRANSPIRING ELSEWHERE...
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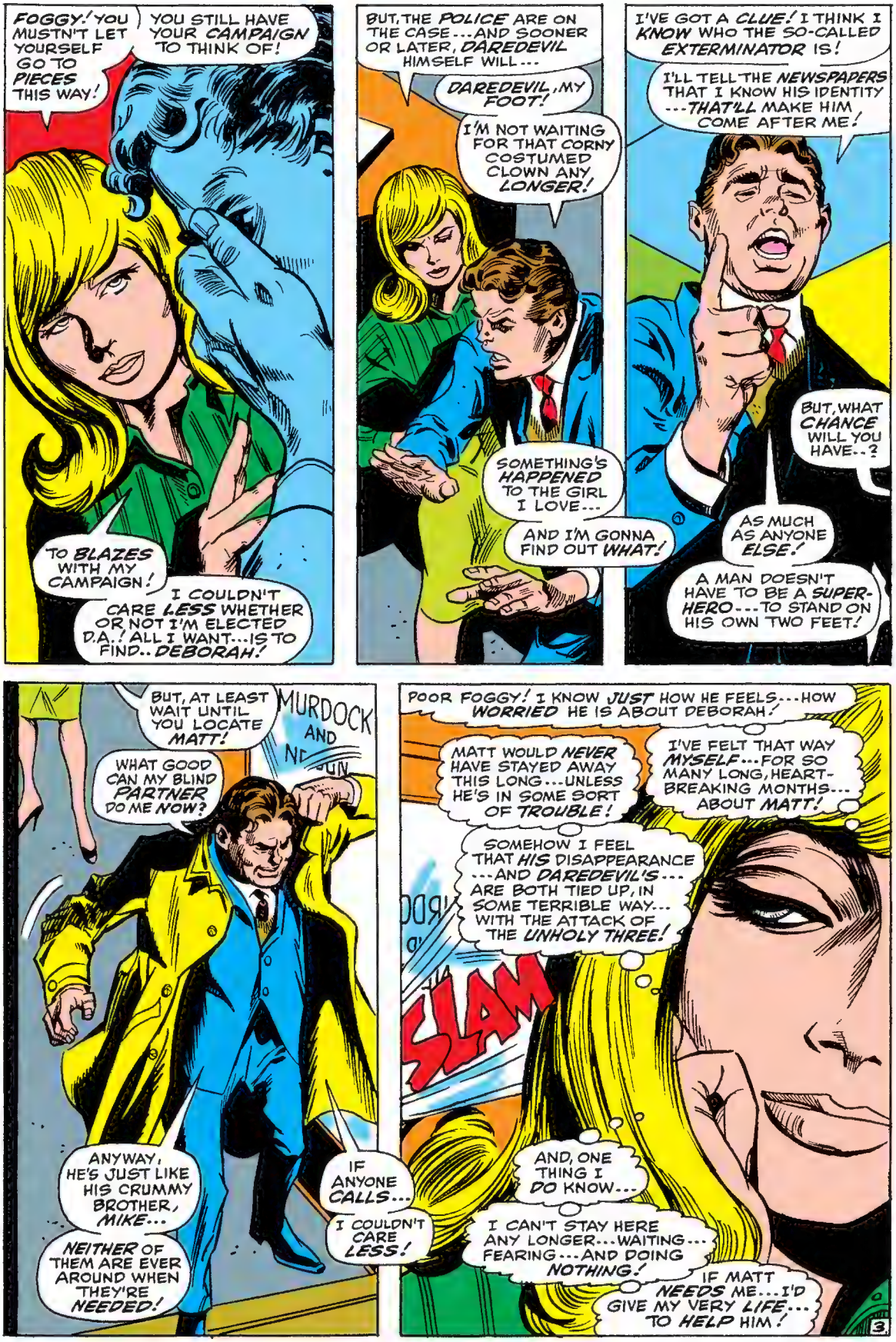
FOGGY! YOU MUSTN'T LET YOURSELF GO TO PIECES THIS WAY!
YOU STILL HAVE YOUR CAMPAIGN TO THINK OF!
TO BLAZES WITH MY CAMPAIGN!
I COULDN'T CARE LESS WHETHER OR NOT I'M ELECTED D.A.! ALL I WANT...IS TO FIND.. DEBORAH!
BUT, THE POLICE ARE ON THE CASE...AND SOONER OR LATER, DAREDEVIL HIMSELF WILL...
DAREDEVIL, MY FOOT!
I'M NOT WAITING FOR THAT CORNY COSTUMED CLOWN ANY LONGER!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO THE GIRL I LOVE...
AND I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHAT!
I'VE GOT A CLUE! I THINK I KNOW WHO THE SO-CALLED EXTERMINATOR IS!
I'LL TELL THE NEWSPAPERS THAT I KNOW HIS IDENTITY ...THAT'LL MAKE HIM COME AFTER ME!
BUT, WHAT CHANCE WILL YOU HAVE..?
AS MUCH AS ANYONE ELSE!
A MAN DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A SUPER-HERO...TO STAND ON HIS OWN TWO FEET!
BUT, AT LEAST WAIT UNTIL YOU LOCATE MATT!
MURDOCK AND
WHAT GOOD CAN MY BLIND PARTNER DO ME NOW?
ANYWAY, HE'S JUST LIKE HIS CRUMMY BROTHER, MIKE...
NEITHER OF THEM ARE EVER AROUND WHEN THEY'RE NEEDED!
IF ANYONE CALLS...
I COULDN'T CARE LESS!
POOR FOGGY! I KNOW JUST HOW HE FEELS...HOW WORRIED HE IS ABOUT DEBORAH!
MATT WOULD NEVER HAVE STAYED AWAY THIS LONG...UNLESS HE'S IN SOME SORT OF TROUBLE!
I'VE FELT THAT WAY MYSELF...FOR SO MANY LONG, HEART-BREAKING MONTHS... ABOUT MATT!
SOMEHOW I FEEL THAT HIS DISAPPEARANCE ...AND DAREDEVIL'S... ARE BOTH TIED UP, IN SOME TERRIBLE WAY... WITH THE ATTACK OF THE UNHOLY THREE!
SLAM
AND, ONE THING I DO KNOW...
I CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER...WAITING... FEARING...AND DOING NOTHING!
IF MATT NEEDS ME...I'D GIVE MY VERY LIFE... TO HELP HIM!
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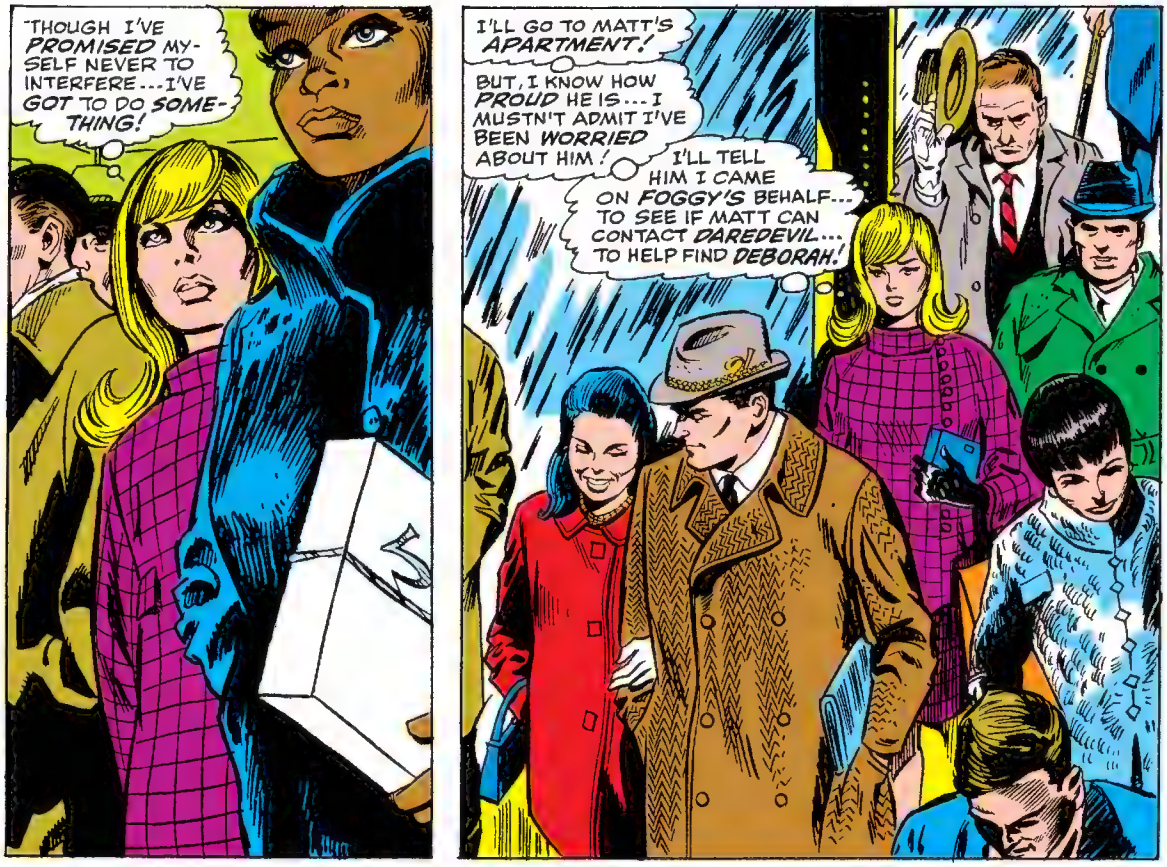
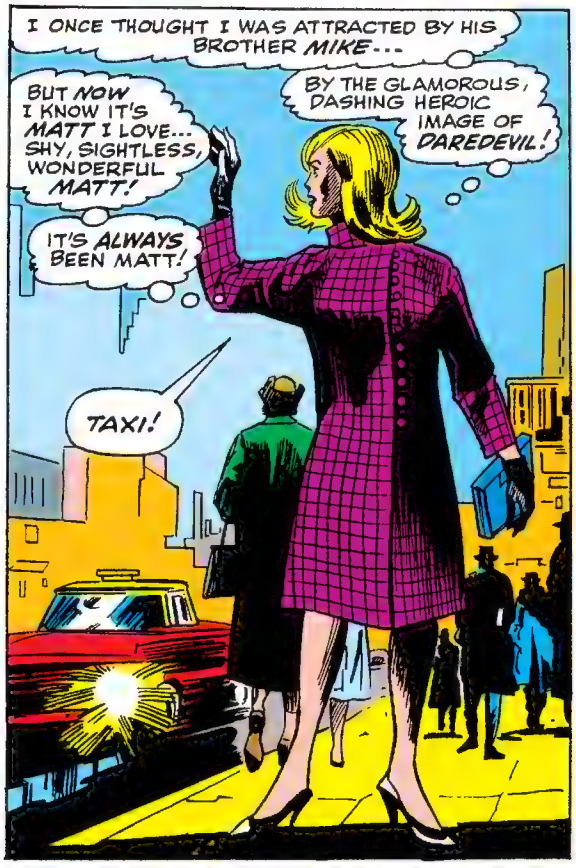
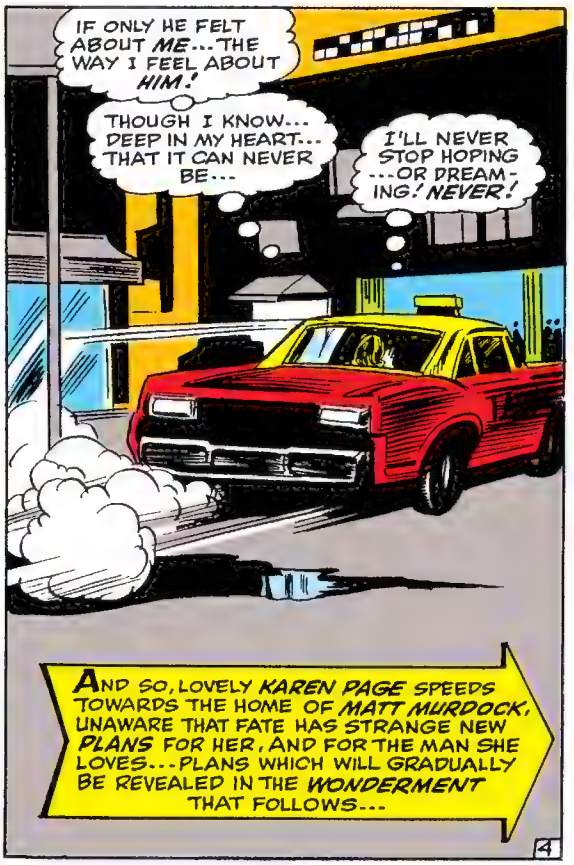

THOUGH I'VE PROMISED MYSELF NEVER TO INTERFERE...I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
I'LL GO TO MATT'S APARTMENT!
BUT, I KNOW HOW PROUD HE IS...I MUSTN'T ADMIT I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT HIM!
I'LL TELL HIM I CAME ON FOGGY'S BEHALF... TO SEE IF MATT CAN CONTACT DAREDEVIL... TO HELP FIND DEBORAH!


I ONCE THOUGHT I WAS ATTRACTED BY HIS BROTHER MIKE...
BUT NOW I KNOW IT'S MATT I LOVE... SHY, SIGHTLESS, WONDERFUL MATT!
BY THE GLAMOROUS, DASHING HEROIC IMAGE OF DAREDEVIL!
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MATT!
TAXI!


IF ONLY HE FELT ABOUT ME...THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT HIM!
THOUGH I KNOW... DEEP IN MY HEART... THAT IT CAN NEVER BE...
I'LL NEVER STOP HOPING ...OR DREAMING! NEVER!
AND SO, LOVELY KAREN PAGE SPEEDS TOWARDS THE HOME OF MATT MURDOCK, UNAWARE THAT FATE HAS STRANGE NEW PLANS FOR HER, AND FOR THE MAN SHE LOVES...PLANS WHICH WILL GRADUALLY BE REVEALED IN THE WONDERMENT THAT FOLLOWS...

MEANWHILE, A RATHER UNCANNY EVENT IS TAKING PLACE IN ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD... UNSEEN BY ANYONE... EXCEPT US...
OKAY! I NOTIFIED THE PAPERS... AND THE RADIO AND TV NEWS PROGRAMS!
FOGGY! FOGGY! IT'S ME--DEBORAH!
WHY DOESN'T HE HEAR ME? WHY DOESN'T HE ANSWER ME?
THE EXTERMINATOR AND HIS THREE ANIMAL-COSTUMED KILLERS ARE PROBABLY LOOKING FOR ME ALREADY!
EVER SINCE I RETURNED... FROM THAT FANTASTIC TIME TRAP... IT'S BEEN THIS WAY!
I'M LIKE... A GHOST! UNSEEN... UNHEARD... UNNOTICED!
HOES
IT CAN ONLY MEAN ...WHATEVER RETURNED ME TO THE PRESENT... SOMEHOW DIDN'T WORK PROPERLY!
INSTEAD OF SENDING ME COMPLETELY BACK TO MY NORMAL TIME... I'M A FEW SECONDS OUT OF PHASE!
BUT, FOR ALL THE GOOD IT DOES ME...
IT MIGHT AS WELL BE A FEW CENTURIES!
MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF WHAT'S JUST TRANSPIRED...
IF THEY'RE EVER GOING TO SHOW THEMSELVES, THIS IS AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY!
I'VE GOT A POLICE WHISTLE IN MY POCKET!
THE MINUTE I SEE THEM, I'LL GIVE ONE LOUD BLAST... AND THAT'LL BE THAT!
THERE HE IS... RIPE FOR THE SLAUGHTER!
DID HE THINK WE'D BE AFRAID TO ATTACK HIM?
IF HE DID... HE DESERVES EVERYTHING HE GETS!
UMMF!
IT'S THEM! BUT... HOW DID THEY... ATTACK SO FAST... SO SILENTLY??
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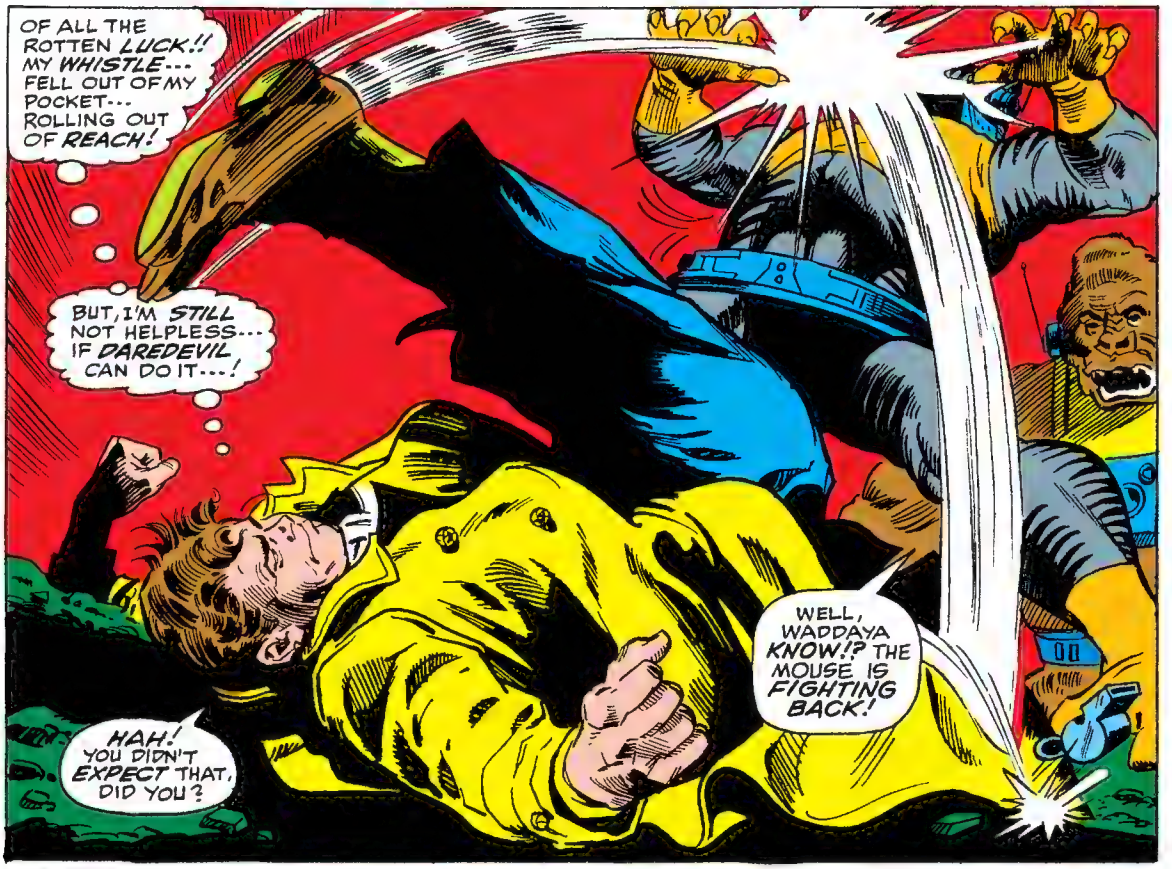
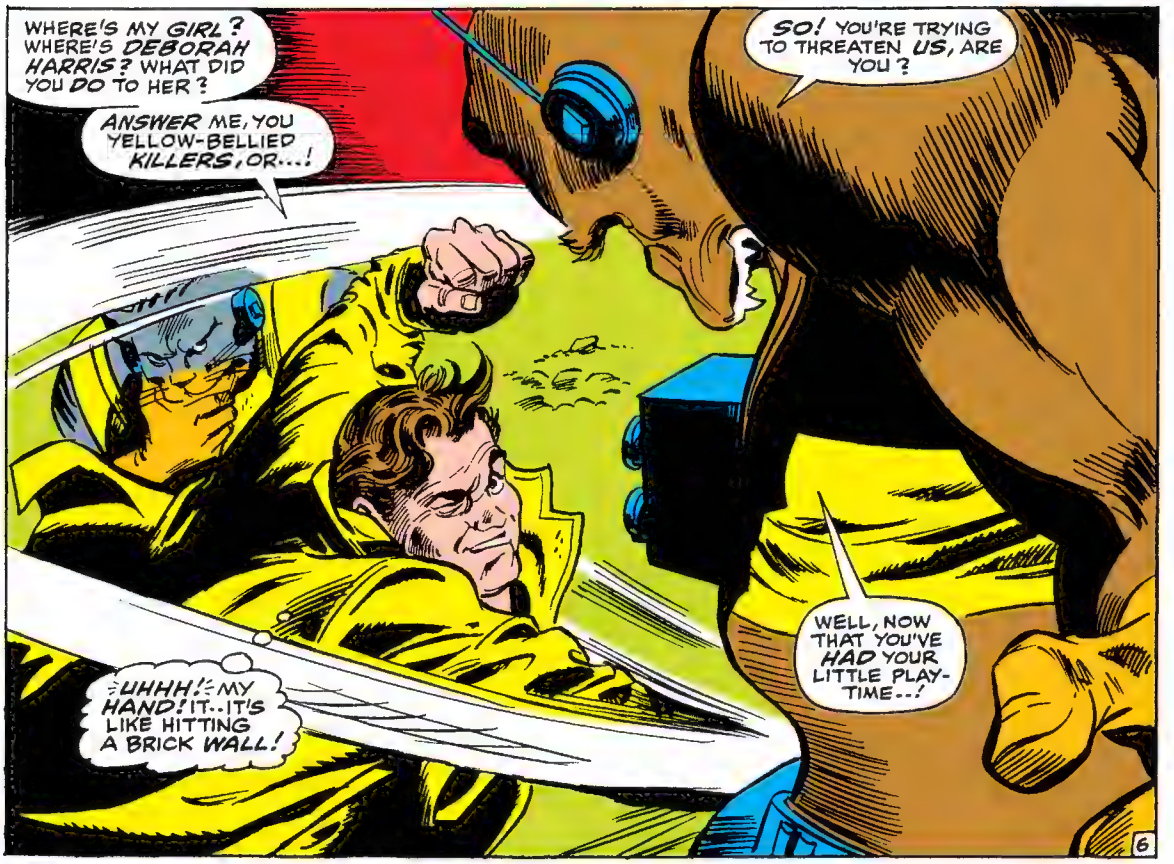
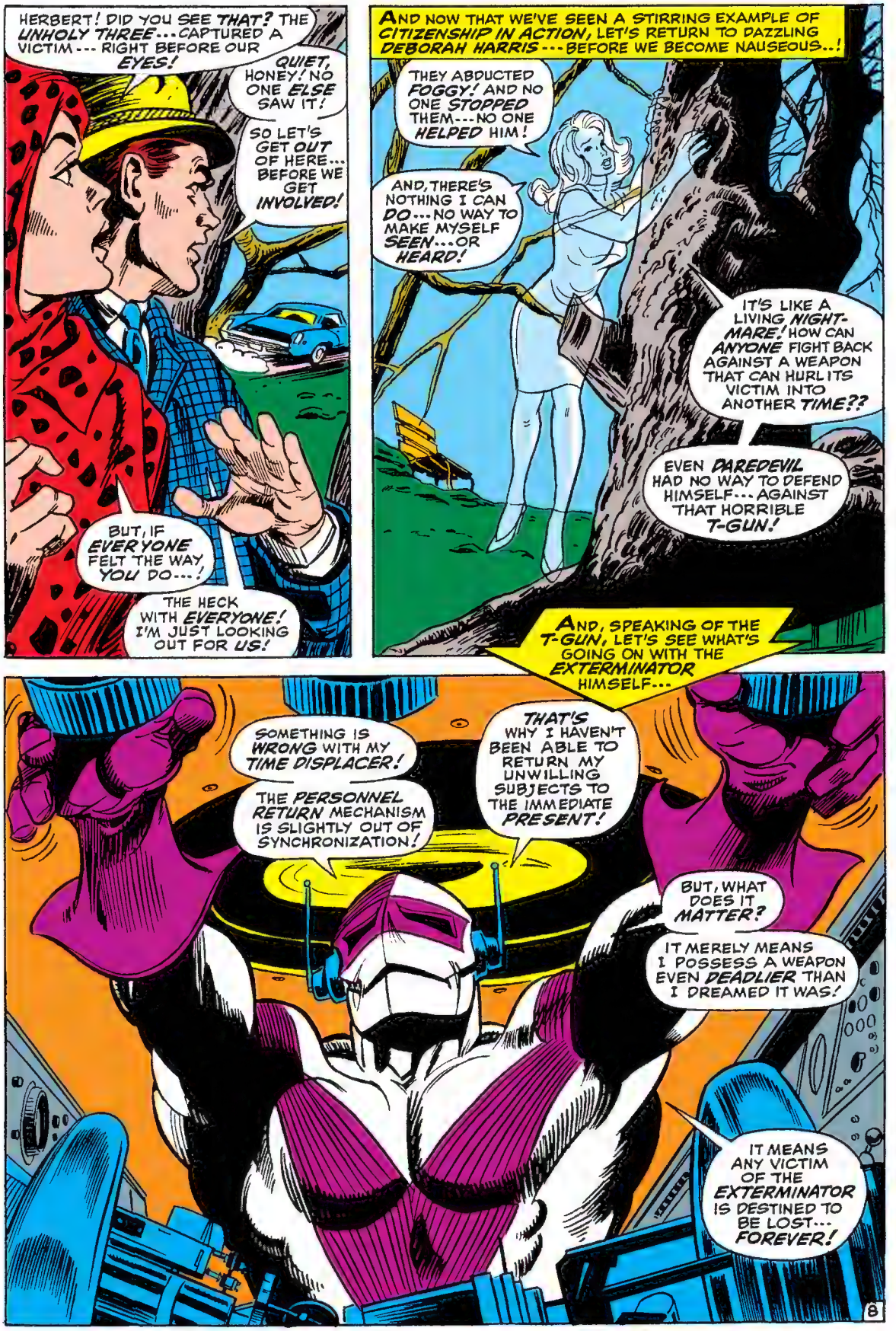

OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK!! MY WHISTLE--- FELL OUT OF MY POCKET--- ROLLING OUT OF REACH!
BUT, I'M STILL NOT HELPLESS--- IF DAREDEVIL CAN DO IT---!
HAH! YOU DIDN'T EXPECT THAT, DID YOU?
WELL, WADDAYA KNOW!? THE MOUSE IS FIGHTING BACK!


WHERE'S MY GIRL? WHERE'S DEBORAH HARRIS? WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?
ANSWER ME, YOU YELLOW-BELLIED KILLERS, OR...!
UHHH!=MY HAND! IT--IT'S LIKE HITTING A BRICK WALL!
SO! YOU'RE TRYING TO THREATEN US, ARE YOU?
WELL, NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD YOUR LITTLE PLAY-TIME--!

...WE'LL SHOW YOU WHAT WE DO TO FLABBY, FAT-FACED WISE-GUYS!
ARE YOU READY, BIRD-MAN?
YEAH! I'M READY!
THEN YOU PUT 'IM TO SLEEP!
IF I HIT 'IM, IT'LL BE OVER TOO SOON!
AND WE WOULDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN!
STOP SQUIRMING, TUBBY!
IT'LL ONLY HURT A MINUTE..!
BRING HIM HERE! LET ME HAVE 'IM..!
MUCH OBLIGED, CAT-MAN!
THINK NOTHING OF IT, FEATHER-HEAD!
BIG DEAL! SO WE MANAGED TO LEAN ON AN OVERWEIGHT MOUTHPIECE!
LET'S GIT 'IM TO THE EXTERMINATOR BEFORE WE HAVETA TACKLE SOME KID ON A TRI-CYCLE!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE WHO WE HAVE TO BATTLE?
SINCE WE POLISHED OFF DAREDEVIL, THERE'S NOBODY WHO CAN STAND UP TO US...
AND EVERYONE KNOWS IT!


HERBERT! DID YOU SEE THAT? THE UNHOLY THREE... CAPTURED A VICTIM --- RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES!
QUIET, HONEY! NO ONE ELSE SAW IT!
SO LET'S GET OUT OF HERE... BEFORE WE GET INVOLVED!
BUT, IF EVERYONE FELT THE WAY YOU DO---!
THE HECK WITH EVERYONE! I'M JUST LOOKING OUT FOR US!
AND NOW THAT WE'VE SEEN A STIRRING EXAMPLE OF CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION, LET'S RETURN TO DAZZLING DEBORAH HARRIS --- BEFORE WE BECOME NAUSEOUS..!
THEY ABDUCTED FOGGY! AND NO ONE STOPPED THEM--- NO ONE HELPED HIM!
AND, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO... NO WAY TO MAKE MYSELF SEEN... OR HEARD!
IT'S LIKE A LIVING NIGHT-MARE! HOW CAN ANYONE FIGHT BACK AGAINST A WEAPON THAT CAN HURL ITS VICTIM INTO ANOTHER TIME??
EVEN DAREDEVIL HAD NO WAY TO DEFEND HIMSELF... AGAINST THAT HORRIBLE T-GUN!
AND, SPEAKING OF THE T-GUN, LET'S SEE WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE EXTERMINATOR HIMSELF...
SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH MY TIME DISPLACER!
THE PERSONNEL RETURN MECHANISM IS SLIGHTLY OUT OF SYNCHRONIZATION!
THAT'S WHY I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RETURN MY UNWILLING SUBJECTS TO THE IMMEDIATE PRESENT!
BUT, WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
IT MERELY MEANS I POSSESS A WEAPON EVEN DEADLIER THAN I DREAMED IT WAS!
IT MEANS ANY VICTIM OF THE EXTERMINATOR IS DESTINED TO BE LOST... FOREVER!
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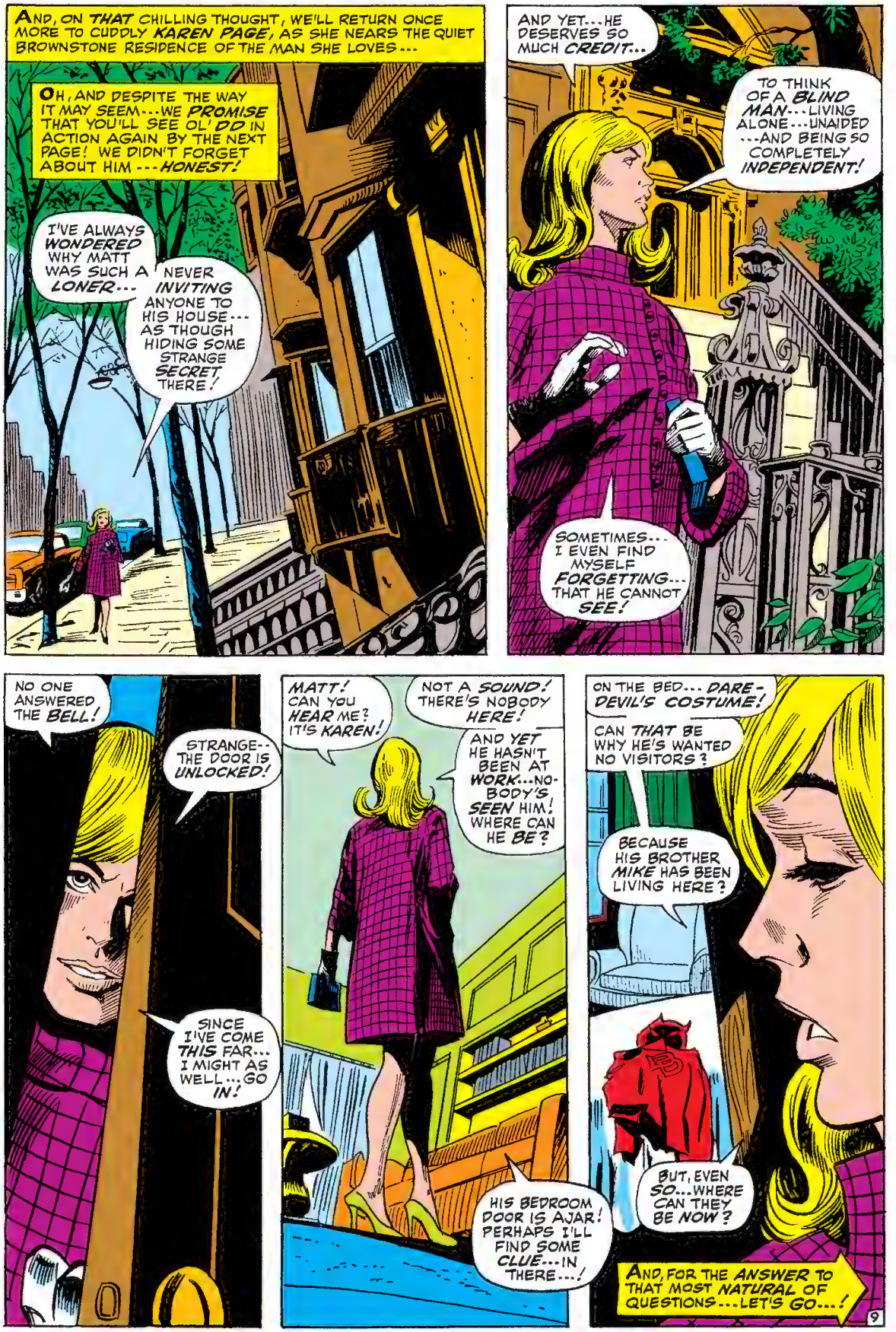
AND, ON THAT CHILLING THOUGHT, WE'LL RETURN ONCE MORE TO CUDDLY KAREN PAGE, AS SHE NEARS THE QUIET BROWNSTONE RESIDENCE OF THE MAN SHE LOVES ---
OH, AND DESPITE THE WAY IT MAY SEEM---WE PROMISE THAT YOU'LL SEE OL' DD IN ACTION AGAIN BY THE NEXT PAGE! WE DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT HIM ---HONEST!
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHY MATT WAS SUCH A LONER---
NEVER INVITING ANYONE TO HIS HOUSE--- AS THOUGH HIDING SOME STRANGE SECRET THERE!
AND YET...HE DESERVES SO MUCH CREDIT...
TO THINK OF A BLIND MAN---LIVING ALONE---UNAIDED ---AND BEING SO COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT!
SOMETIMES--- I EVEN FIND MYSELF FORGETTING--- THAT HE CANNOT SEE!
NO ONE ANSWERED THE BELL!
STRANGE--- THE DOOR IS UNLOCKED!
SINCE I'VE COME THIS FAR--- I MIGHT AS WELL---GO IN!
MATT! CAN YOU HEAR ME? IT'S KAREN!
NOT A SOUND! THERE'S NOBODY HERE!
AND YET HE HASN'T BEEN AT WORK---NOBODY'S SEEN HIM! WHERE CAN HE BE?
HIS BEDROOM DOOR IS AJAR! PERHAPS I'LL FIND SOME CLUE---IN THERE---!
ON THE BED--- DARE-DEVIL'S COSTUME!
CAN THAT BE WHY HE'S WANTED NO VISITORS?
BECAUSE HIS BROTHER MIKE HAS BEEN LIVING HERE?
BUT, EVEN SO...WHERE CAN THEY BE NOW?
AND, FOR THE ANSWER TO THAT MOST NATURAL OF QUESTIONS---LET'S GO...!
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I DID IT! I MANAGED TO REACH THE PRESENT AGAIN!
BUT... WAIT! I SENSE THINGS DIFFERENTLY... ALL THE IMAGES ARE BLURRED... HAZY... LESS DISTINCT THAN EVER BEFORE!
I'M STILL A MERE MICRO-SECOND OUT OF SYNC! I'VE GOT TO CLOSE THE TIME GAP... SOMEHOW!
IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
ONCE AGAIN... ONLY MY SUPER-KEEN SENSES CAN HELP ME!
TIME IS MOVING PAST ME... JUST A SPLIT-SECOND AHEAD OF MY OWN TEMPORAL PACE!
ALL I NEED DO IS GAIN THAT SPLIT-SECOND... TO COME ABREAST OF MY OWN PRESENT!
USING MY LIGHTNING-SWIFT REFLEXES... IF I CAN SNAP MY BILLY-CLUB CABLE AT JUST THE RIGHT SPEED TO CATCH ONTO AN OBJECT MOVING IN THE DESIRED CONTINUUM..!*
*IF IT SOUNDS KINDA COMPLICATED TO YOU... TAKE HEART, BELIEVER... IT'S JUST AS CONFUSING TO US! --SEMI-SCIENTIFIC STAN

ANYWAY, BEFORE YOU CAN SAY: FTASSKKK...
I GOT IT!
NOW, IF MY THEORY IS CORRECT..
AND, IF THE CABLE HOLDS..!
AND IF MY UN-SUSPECTING CHAUFFEUR DOESN'T VARY HIS SPEED IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS..
THERE'S JUST A CHANCE...
...THAT MY FAVORITE HORN-HEADED HERO...
...IS GONNA MAKE IT!!
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AND MAKE IT---
PKHOOP!
I DID!!
TSK TSK! CAN'T APPEAR IN PUBLIC WITH A TORN COSTUME!
IT WOULD BE BAD FOR MY PROFESSIONAL IMAGE!
---AND BESIDES, IT'S DRAFTY!
ANYWAY, IT'S EASIER TO HEAD HOME AND COLLECT MY WITS...
THAN TO TRY EXPLAINING TO TO THAT CROWD EXACTLY WHERE I CAME FROM--- OR HOW!
BESIDES, THE EXTERMINATOR AND HIS THREE PLUG-UGLIES HAVE A LOT OF PAYING BACK TO DO---
AND I'M JUST THE JOKER TO MAKE SURE THAT...
UH OH! HOLD IT!
THAT PERFUME! THAT HEARTBEAT! IT'S KAREN! SHE'S UPSTAIRS!
IF..SHE SAW MY SPARE DARE-DEVIL COSTUME..!
SNIF SNIF
THIS IS IT, MATTY BOY! THINK FAST!
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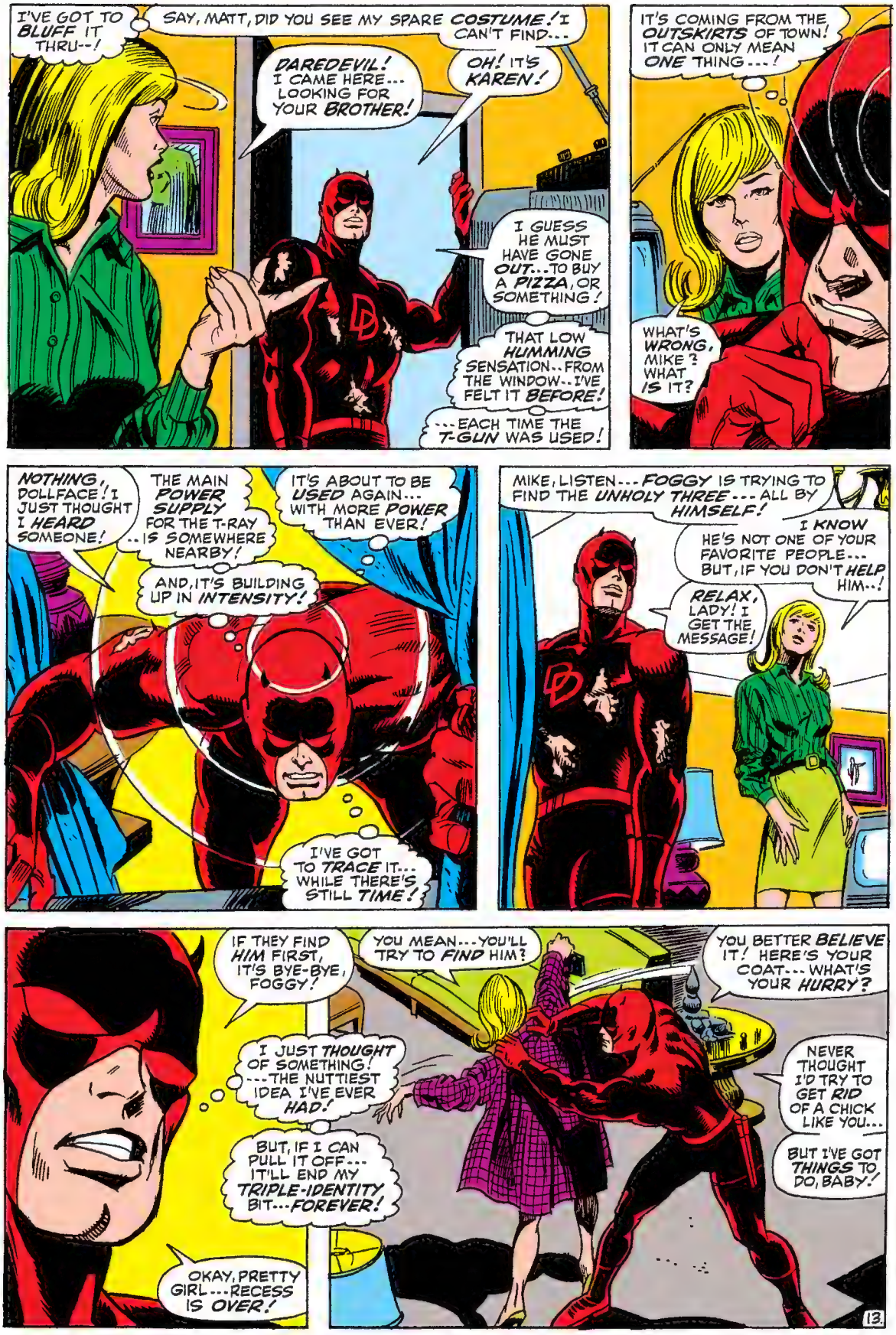
I'VE GOT TO BLUFF IT THRU--!
SAY, MATT, DID YOU SEE MY SPARE COSTUME! I CAN'T FIND...
DAREDEVIL! I CAME HERE... LOOKING FOR YOUR BROTHER!
OH! IT'S KAREN!
I GUESS HE MUST HAVE GONE OUT...TO BUY A PIZZA, OR SOMETHING!
THAT LOW HUMMING SENSATION..FROM THE WINDOW..I'VE FELT IT BEFORE!
...EACH TIME THE T-GUN WAS USED!
IT'S COMING FROM THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN! IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...!
WHAT'S WRONG, MIKE? WHAT IS IT?
NOTHING, DOLLFACE! I JUST THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE!
THE MAIN POWER SUPPLY FOR THE T-RAY ..IS SOMEWHERE NEARBY!
IT'S ABOUT TO BE USED AGAIN... WITH MORE POWER THAN EVER!
AND, IT'S BUILDING UP IN INTENSITY!
I'VE GOT TO TRACE IT... WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME!
MIKE, LISTEN... FOGGY IS TRYING TO FIND THE UNHOLY THREE... ALL BY HIMSELF!
I KNOW HE'S NOT ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE... BUT, IF YOU DON'T HELP HIM..!
RELAX, LADY! I GET THE MESSAGE!
IF THEY FIND HIM FIRST, IT'S BYE-BYE, FOGGY!
YOU MEAN...YOU'LL TRY TO FIND HIM?
YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT! HERE'S YOUR COAT... WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING! ...THE NUTTIEST IDEA I'VE EVER HAD!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D TRY TO GET RID OF A CHICK LIKE YOU...
BUT, IF I CAN PULL IT OFF... IT'LL END MY TRIPLE-IDENTITY BIT...FOREVER!
BUT I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO, BABY!
OKAY, PRETTY GIRL...RECESS IS OVER!
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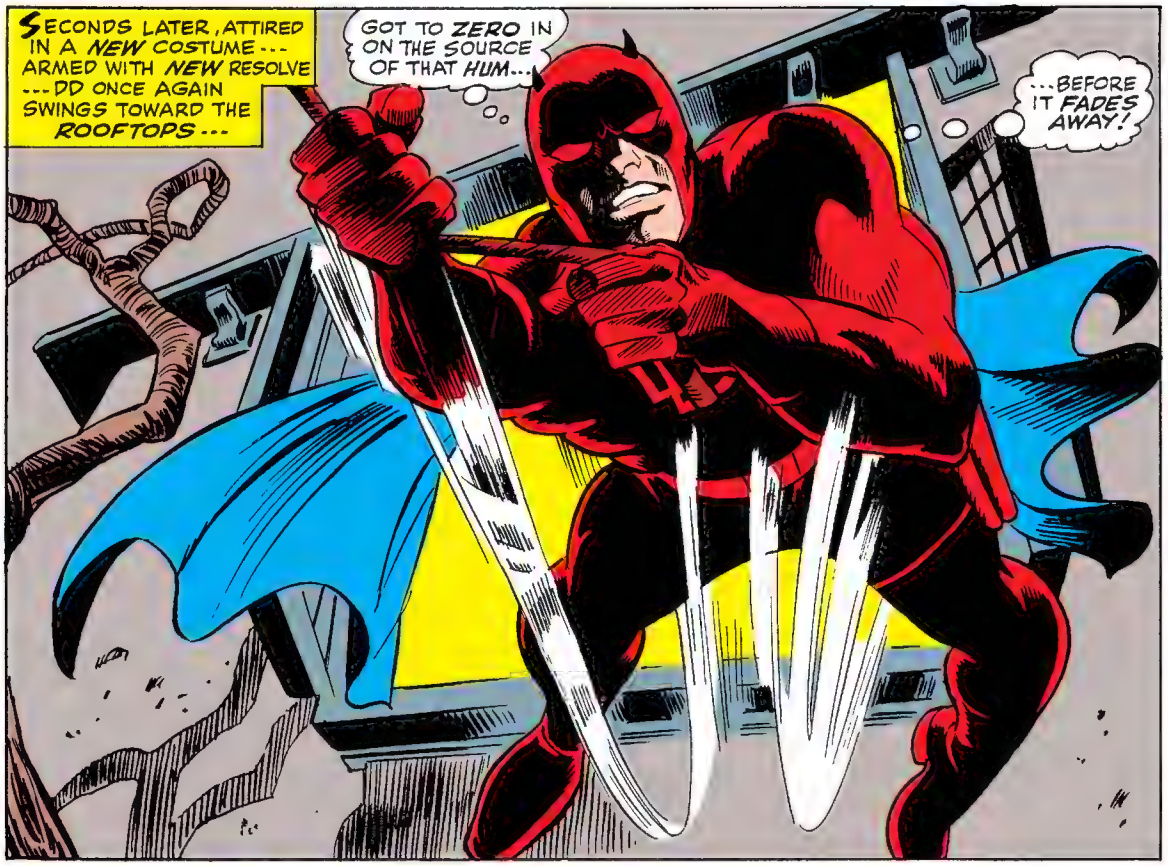
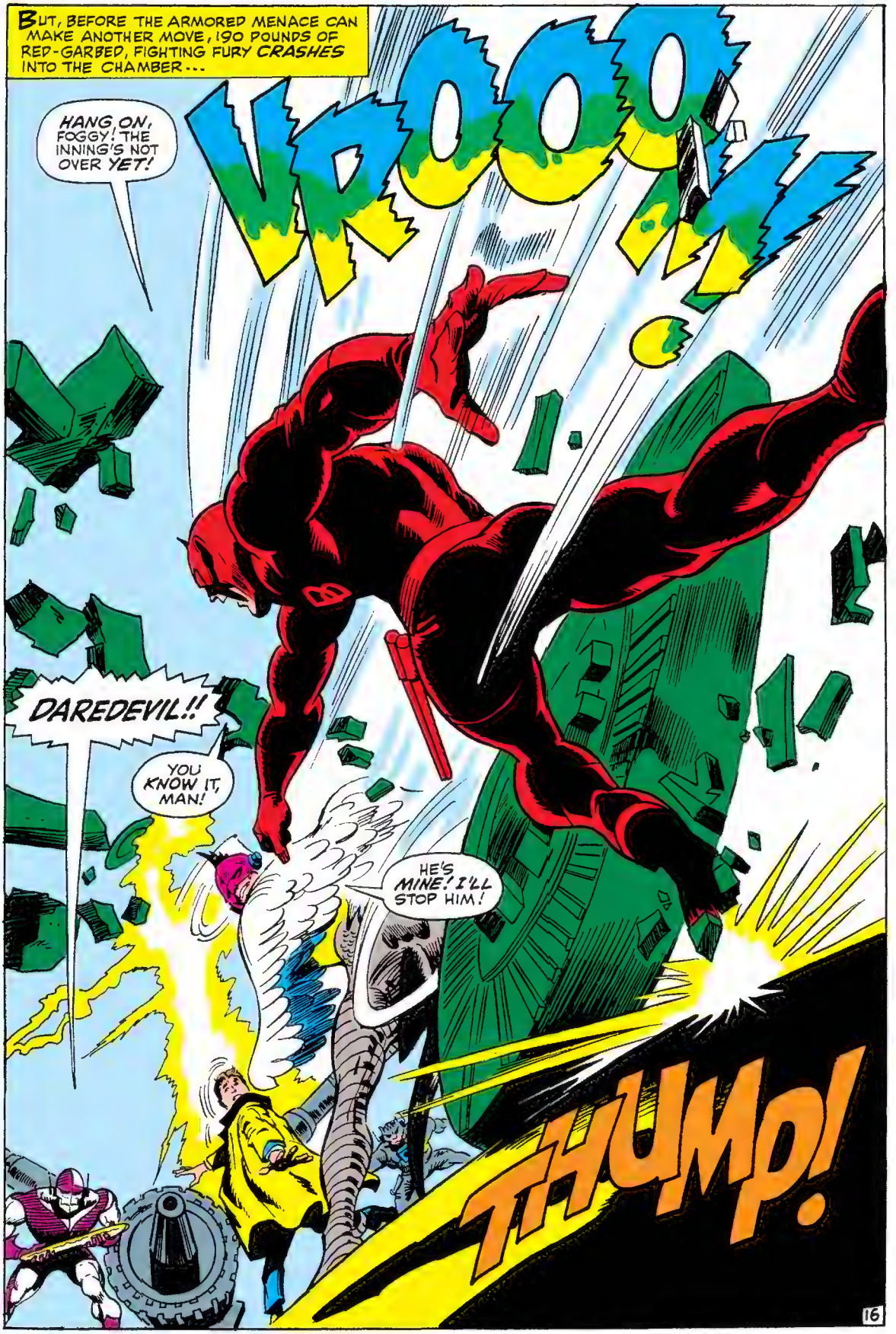
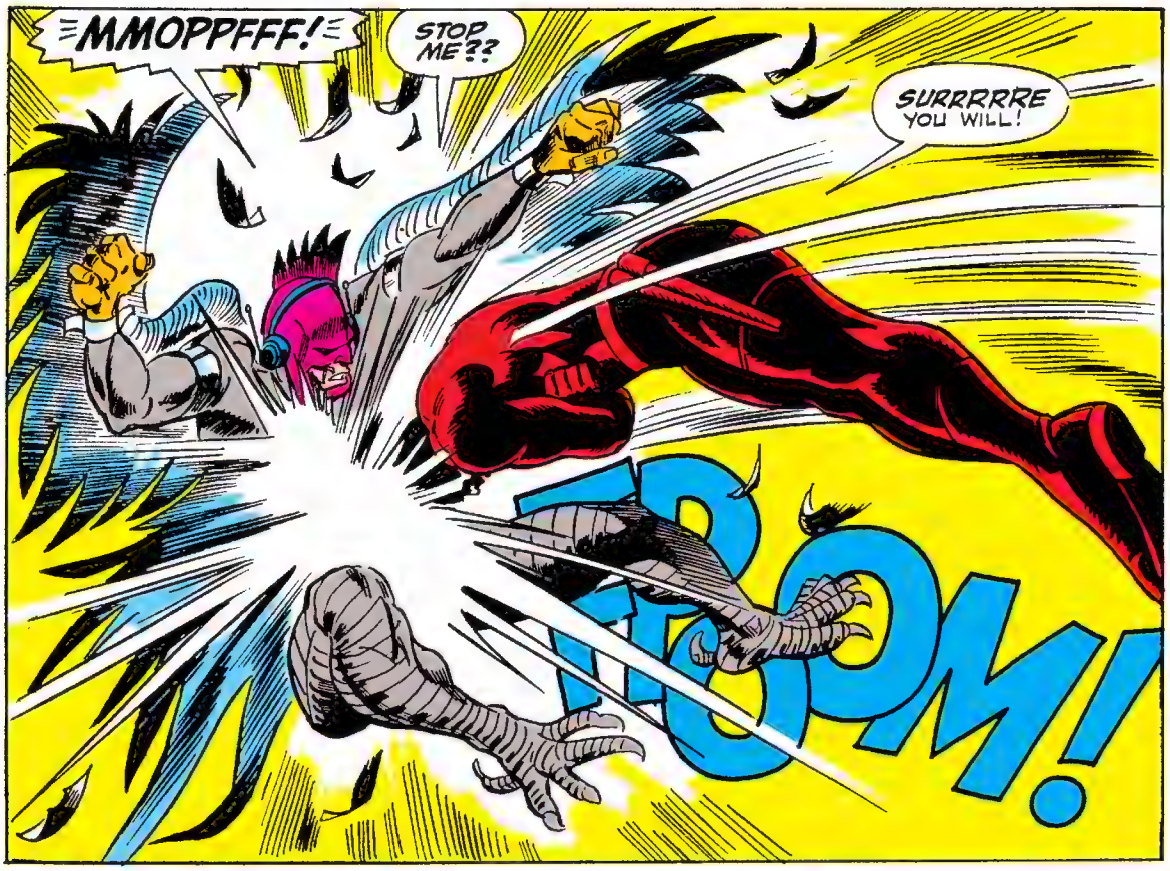

SECONDS LATER, ATTIRED IN A NEW COSTUME --- ARMED WITH NEW RESOLVE --- DD ONCE AGAIN SWINGS TOWARD THE ROOFTOPS ---
GOT TO ZERO IN ON THE SOURCE OF THAT HUM...
...BEFORE IT FADES AWAY!

EASY, MATTHEW... DON'T GET CARELESS!
EVEN A SIGHT-LESS WONDER CAN'T BOUNCE AWAY FROM A FALL FROM UP HERE!

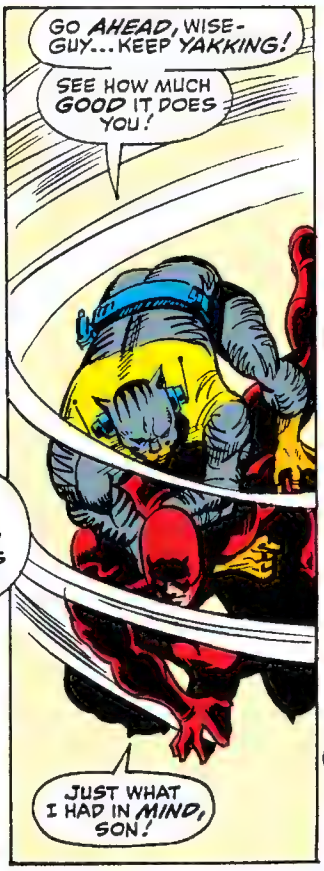
WITH A LITTLE LUCK, I'LL SOON BE ON TOP OF THOSE THREE ZOO-HAPPY CREEPS AND THEIR UNKNOWN LEADER!
WOW! THE HUMMING'S GETTING STRONGER THAN EVER... AND IT'S JUST AHEAD OF ME!
AND THEN, IF MY "KISS MIKE MURDOCK GOODBYE" IDEA WORKS, IT'LL BE A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME!

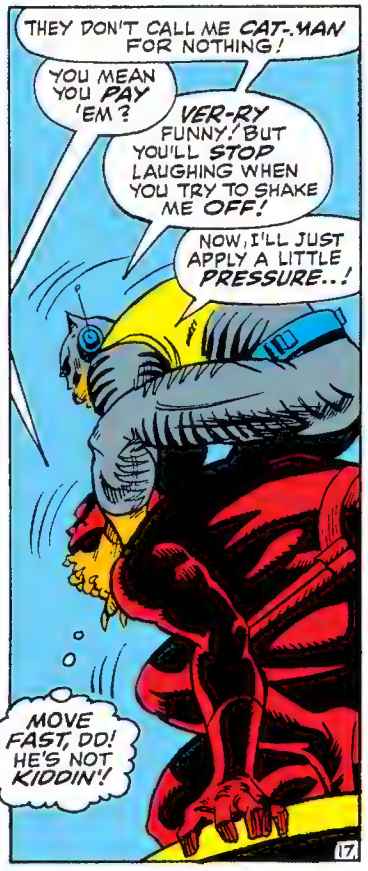
YOU THOUGHT WE'D NEVER GET TO THE ACTION, EH?
WELL, JUST HANG LOOSE, HERO---!
I DID IT!
I FINALLY GOT THE T-RAY BACK IN SYNCHRO-NIZATION!
WHICH MEANS WE ARE NOW READY FOR THE MEDDLE-SOME MR. NELSON!
HE WILL BE THE FIRST VICTIM TO RECEIVE THE FULL POWER OF A TOTAL RAY BLAST!
QUICKLY... BRING HIM TO ME!
DON'T WASTE YOUR STRENGTH STRUGGLING, FATSO---
YOU'LL BE NEEDING IT SOON!
I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, NELSON! YOU SHOULD BE PROUD! THINK OF THE CONTRIBUTION YOU'RE MAKING TO SCIENCE!
NO! LET ME GO! LET GO!
AFTER ALL...YOU'RE TO BE THE FIRST MAN EVER SENT BACK INTO TIME---
RELEASE HIM!
THERE'S NO PLACE LEFT FOR HIM TO RUN!
PAST THE POINT-OF-NO-RETURN!
CAN'T MOVE!--I'M STUCK TO THE SPOT!
BESIDES, THE MAGNETIZED METAL DISC BENEATH HIS FEET WILL STOP HIM WHERE HE STANDS!


BUT, BEFORE THE ARMORED MENACE CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE, 190 POUNDS OF RED-GARBED, FIGHTING FURY CRASHES INTO THE CHAMBER---
HANG ON, FOGGY! THE INNING'S NOT OVER YET!
VROOM!
DAREDEVIL!!
YOU KNOW IT, MAN!
HE'S MINE! I'LL STOP HIM!
THUMP!


MMOPPFFF!
STOP ME??
SURRRRRE YOU WILL!
BOOM!

STILL TOO DUMB TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE LICKED, EH, HORNHEAD?
WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T PUSS 'N BOOTS!
WHICH ONE OF YOUR NINE LIVES IS UP FOR GRABS TODAY?


GO AHEAD, WISE-GUY... KEEP YAKKING!
SEE HOW MUCH GOOD IT DOES YOU!
JUST WHAT I HAD IN MIND, SON!


THEY DON'T CALL ME CAT-MAN FOR NOTHING!
YOU MEAN YOU PAY 'EM?
VER-RY FUNNY! BUT YOU'LL STOP LAUGHING WHEN YOU TRY TO SHAKE ME OFF!
NOW, I'LL JUST APPLY A LITTLE PRESSURE..!
MOVE FAST, DD! HE'S NOT KIDDIN'!

JUST IN CASE NO ONE EVER TOLD YOU...
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT!
I SUGGEST YOU MAKE NOTES, TABBY! THIS IS GONNA BE AN EDUCATION!
INSTEAD OF PLAYING IT YOUR WAY... AND TRYING TO BREAK YOUR GINCHY LITTLE GRIP...
I'LL JUST HURL MYSELF BACKWARDS ...COMME CA..!
BUT DON'T FRET, PLAYMATE!
...YOUR EXCEDRIN HEADACHE WILL PROBABLY BE GONE BY MORNING!
NOW THE APE-MAN IS COMING TOWARDS ME!
BUT IT'S THE EXTERMINATOR I REALLY WANT!
AND THIS IS ONE WAY TO MAKE SURE I GET TO HIM!
BTOK!
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NOW, IF HE'LL JUST FALL BACK... EXACTLY AS I PLANNED...!
PERFECT!
ONE THING I LIKE IS AN OBLIGING ANTHROPOID!
HE PLOWED RIGHT INTO THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT!
EVEN WITHOUT MY THREE BESTIAL HIRELINGS...
EVEN WITH MY LABORATORY IN FLAMES...
MY T-GUN STILL MAKES ME THE MASTER OF DAREDEVIL!
ONLY IF YOU NAIL ME, CHARLIE!
AND THOSE DAYS ARE GONE FOREVER!
NOW... EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON COMPLETELY SHORTING THE TIME MECHANISM...!
AND, IF IT WORKS...
...IT'LL BE GOODBYE FOREVER--TO MIKE MURDOCK!
CLICK!

AT THAT VERY SECOND, A DESPERATE DEBORAH HARRIS ENTERS THE LAW OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK... UNSEEN BY KAREN PAGE...
IF ANYONE CAN HELP SAVE FOGGY...DAREDEVIL CAN!
HOW MUCH LONGER MUST I REMAIN A LIVING GHOST?
IF... IT DOESN'T END... I THINK...I'LL GO MAD!
BUT, THEN...
DEBORAH!! IT'S YOU!
IT'S OVER! I'M MYSELF AGAIN!
BUT HOW? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
AND, AT THE EXTERMINATOR'S LAB...
THE T-RAY IS DESTROYED! THEY'RE ALL UNCONSCIOUS ...EXCEPT...
DAREDEVIL!
HE'S... NOT HERE! THE EXPLOSION ...OH, NO!
THIS IS ALL... THAT'S LEFT OF HIM!
MIKE MURDOCK... GAVE HIS LIFE... TO SAVE MINE!
HERE COMES THE POLICE!
FOGGY WILL TELL THEM I DIED IN THE BLAST...
AND THAT GETS MY "TWIN BROTHER" OUT OF MY HAIR... FOREVER!
IT'S EASIER... JUST TO BE... MATT MURDOCK!
AND SO, LATER THAT NIGHT...
IT HAD TO HAPPEN... SOONER OR LATER!
MIKE WENT OUT... THE WAY HE WOULD HAVE WANTED TO!
THEN THIS WILL MEAN ...THE END OF DAREDEVIL!
WILL IT? ...I WONDER?
NEXT
THE NEW DAREDEVIL!
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SPECIAL BONUS:
Lost by the Post Office, any recovery of Gene Colan's original Daredevil #35 was given up on and a new piece was commissioned to make deadline. Beat and battered, the original was finally recovered and is presented here.

Courtesy Jim Cardillo

Daredevil #39, page one original art by Gene Colan & George Tuska

DAREDEVIL 39
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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!™
INTRODUCING:
"THE EXTERMINATOR and the SUPER-POWERED UNHOLY THREE"
EVER SINCE THE ORGANIZER'S THREE ANIMALISTIC ALLIES BROKE OUT OF JAIL--
--THERE'S BEEN A DANGEROUS NEW CRIME WAVE THRUOUT THE CITY!*
AND THAT MEANS IT'S MY JOB TO FIND THE UNHOLY THREE!
A STAN (THE MAN) LEE and GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN STAR-STUDDED SUPER-THRILLER!
EXTRAVAGENTLY EMBELLISHED BY: GEORGE TUSKA
LUMINESCENTLY LETTERED BY: ARTIE SIMEK
AGONIZINGLY APPLAUDED BY: IRVING FORBUSH
AND NOW, LET'S TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND HANG LOOSE, HERO! WE'RE OFF AGAIN--
*THE ORGANIZER--MYSTERIOUS MASTER OF CRIME, WHOSE EVIL CAREER WAS CUT SHORT BY DD IN ISH #11! BUT, THOUGH HE IS STILL IMPRISONED, HIS THREE DEADLIEST HIRELINGS ARE FREE ONCE MORE! --SENSATIONALIST STAN!

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Original illustration version of Gene Colan's *Daredevil #40* cover

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BIOGRAPHIES

STAN LEE

Stanley Lieber was born in New York City in 1922, the oldest son of Jewish immigrants from Romania. Upon an early graduation from high school, Stan was thrust out into the post-Depression wartime economy. Through family connections, he was able to land a job with Martin Goodman's comic-book publishing start-up Timely Comics as an assistant editor. His youthful aspiration was to one day write the "Great American Novel," so when his first professional writing job came in the form of a humble two-page text story in *Captain America Comics* #3, he adopted a pseudonym: Stan Lee. This way, he could reserve his real name for that novel-to-be.

But the world of comics managed to keep Stan Lee constantly employed. His proficiency on the job got him the position of managing editor at an extremely young age. He graduated from simple text pieces to full-length stories in *All-Winners*, *USA Comics*, and other Timely anthologies. His tenure in the '50s saw him expand the company (now called Atlas Comics) output to include more genre experimentation, with westerns, war, horror and crime comics.

All this activity was a prelude to the Marvel Age of Comics, ushered in under the auspices of Stan Lee and a small stable of artists topped off by the formidable talents of Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko. Responding to Martin Goodman's challenge to do something to find a way to revitalize dwindling sales, Stan figured he would co-opt the successful super-hero revival at competitor DC Comics and add his own magic to the mix: Instead of being perfect invulnerable champions, Stan's Marvel Age heroes would be normal, fallible, imperfect people, forced to cope with their newfound superhuman traits just like the average person might.

Stan's innovation sent shockwaves through the comics industry, and within a few years, Marvelmania was taking hold: unlike other fads of the time, it wasn't letting go. Under his direction, creations like Fantastic Four, Spider-Man, Iron Man, Thor, Doctor Strange and Incredible Hulk flourished in the shared universe they inhabited. Stan developed the idea that these larger-than-life heroes would meet each other in crossovers from title to title, thus exploding the story possibilities for the kids who became eager fans.

In addition to bringing a new twist to the life of the super hero, Stan also brought the reader inside Marvel's "Batty Bullpen," creating a sense of camaraderie and special membership. His friendly and enthusiastic banter in letters pages, house ads, and Bullpen Bulletins brought Marvel Comics to a level of familiarity with their fans that had kids and college students proudly professing themselves to be "True Believers."

At one time, Stan wrote virtually every comic that appeared from Marvel during the 1960s. But when he was promoted to Publisher in 1971, his writing had to take a back seat, and by the mid-'70s, he semi-retired from scripting duties. Over the years, Stan has returned to write scripts for the odd single issue or series, focusing on Marvel's ventures into television and movie development. To this day, he remains Marvel Comics' single greatest ambassador to the world.

GENE COLAN

Gene "The Dean" Colan spent his decades as a comic artist honing a unique style that relied on realistic figure drawing and moody shadows. At a time when the norm lent itself to more abstracted cartooning, Colan helped broaden the aesthetic range of what comics could look like.

Born in Brooklyn in 1926, Gene had always had an interest in drawing, and he took up studies at the Art Students League of New York. Gene served his country in World War II in the Philippines, and though this delayed his art career, it eventually paid off with a solid acumen at drawing realistic scenes of warfare in the stories he would draw for DC Comics (*Our Army at War, All-American Men at War*) and the pre-Marvel Atlas Comics titles (*Battle, Marines in Battle, Navy Combat*). Over the next fifteen years, Gene would continue to do genre work on war, romance, and sci-fi comics, as well as licensed characters like *Hopalong Cassidy*.

But when the super-hero genre broke wide open again in the 1960s, Gene was ready to take it on with gusto. Under the pseudonym Adam Austin, he was hired on to draw Marvel Comics super heroes, including Namor, the Sub-Mariner in the pages of *Tales to Astonish* and Iron Man in *Tales of Suspense*. In these two cases, Gene's stories were matched opposite the work of other Marvel artists who were drawing the exploits of the Hulk and Captain America, and Gene's mysterious and shadowy linework contrasted very effectively with the thick, slick drawings of contemporaries like Jack Kirby, John Romita and Bill Everett.

Gene moved on to draw a celebrated run on *Doctor Strange* with Roy Thomas, and a stint on *Captain America*, but the Silver Age Marvel character he is most often associated with is Daredevil, Marvel's Man Without Fear! Gene's *Daredevil* drawings were steeped in fluid, athletic grace, and his tenure on the title saw him visually flesh out the contradictions between the unflinching heroism of Matt Murdock and the world of darkness that he lived in. Gene would draw nearly every issue of *Daredevil* across an 80-issue run leading to #100, but he also drew a small handful of issues right before Frank Miller would come on board to great acclaim, Miller's *Daredevil* naturally owing a great debt to the already established visual precepts of the Colan era.

During the rest of the 1970s, Colan displayed the diversity of his talents drawing Steve Gerber's satirical *Howard the Duck* series, and the vampire/horror series *Tomb of Dracula*. The latter was drenched in the style that Colan had evolved over the years and which reached its zenith in the service of Marvel's version of Count Dracula. He drew the entire 70-issue run.

Gene worked steadily into the '80s, once again drawing *Doctor Strange* for Marvel and also doing work for DC, including *Phantom Force*, *Silver Blade* and extensive work drawing the Dark Knight in the pages of *Detective Comics* and *Batman*. In 2005, Gene was ushered into the Will Eisner Hall of Fame, earning well-deserved acclaim from an industry and fan base that both loves and respects him. Though now in his eighties, Gene is still a vital presence in the field providing instruction to burgeoning artists, illustrating the occasional piece, and greeting fans at conventions.

JACK KIRBY

Jacob Kurtzberg was born in 1917 into a gritty upbringing on the streets of New York's Lower East Side. It would be many years before he would adopt the more familiar name of Jack Kirby, but his experiences on the street would help inform the work that later made him a legend. Unlike many of his rough-and-tumble peers, his imagination inspired him to look beyond the commonality of everyday life. He was inclined at an early age to pursue drawing, and he was also a guy who wanted to "get things done." This hard work ethic and ambition took him places most men of humble stations like him would never dream of going.

After some early strip work helped get his name out to prospective employers, a fateful meeting with artist Joe Simon connected the two at the hip, and vaulted both of them into comics prominence. Together, they developed *Captain America* for Timely Comics, and Jack immediately helped redefine what comics could be with his innovative page designs and proportion-exploding panels.

Soon, Simon & Kirby were working with National Publications, turning out hit kid-gang comics like *Newsboy Legion* and *Boy Commandos*, as well as super-hero fare like *Sandman* and *Manhunter*. Like many of his peers, he served honorably in WWII, with combat duties that took him through the European theater.

In the '50s, Jack returned to comics, helping establish the romance genre with its first title, *Young Romance Comics*. More genre work followed for Timely/Atlas, with a prolific output that covered western, war, and monster genres. When it came time to launch the Marvel Age of Comics, Jack brought his dynamic layouts, unparalleled bombast and unbridled creativity to the fore in books like *Fantastic Four*, *Avengers*, *X-Men*, *Incredible Hulk* and *Thor*, leaving his unmistakable stamp on the characters he created.

The King's way of doing things was so popular that it set the tone for many of Stan Lee's editorial decisions throughout the '60s; before they were entrusted with taking over completely, new artists were often assimilated onto books by drawing over Jack's layouts. Jack left Marvel for DC in 1970, this time handling the scripting chores as well as the art duties. Jack's "Fourth World" books, along with *Kamandi*, *OMAC* and *The Demon*, were just a few of the highlights of his tenure at DC before returning to Marvel in the '70s to lend his unbridled imagination to a new cast of creations: *The Eternals*, *Devil Dinosaur*, and *Machine Man*. In addition, he returned to the pages of *Captain America*, the character he had first made famous 35 years previously.

Jack continued creating comics throughout the '90s until passing away in 1994, a creative giant for whom the word "legend" may be too small a title.

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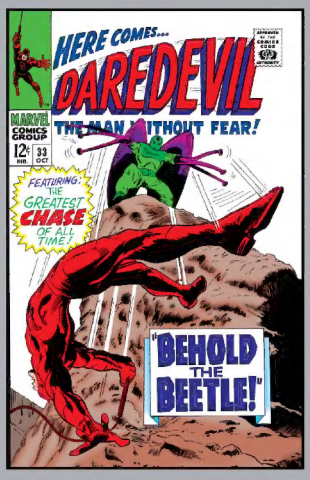
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